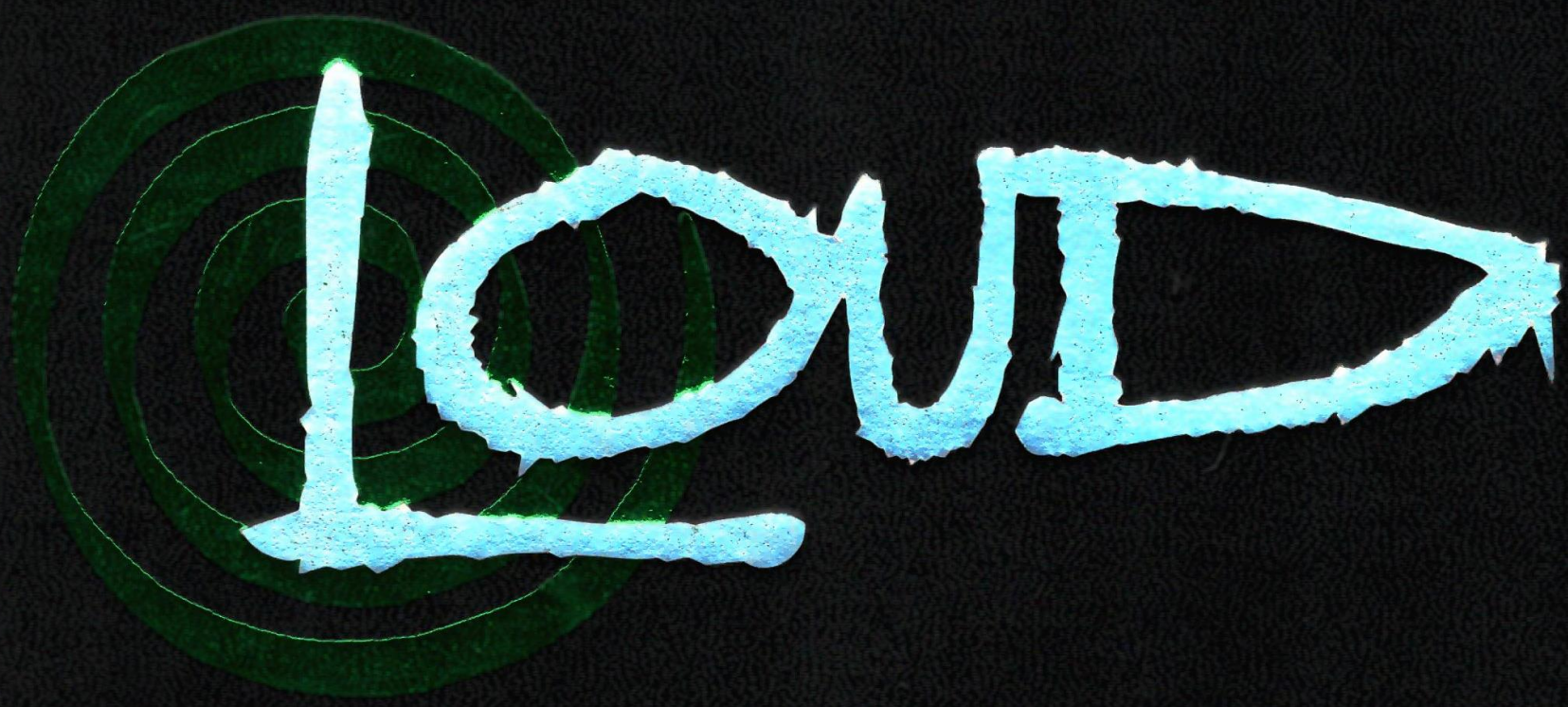

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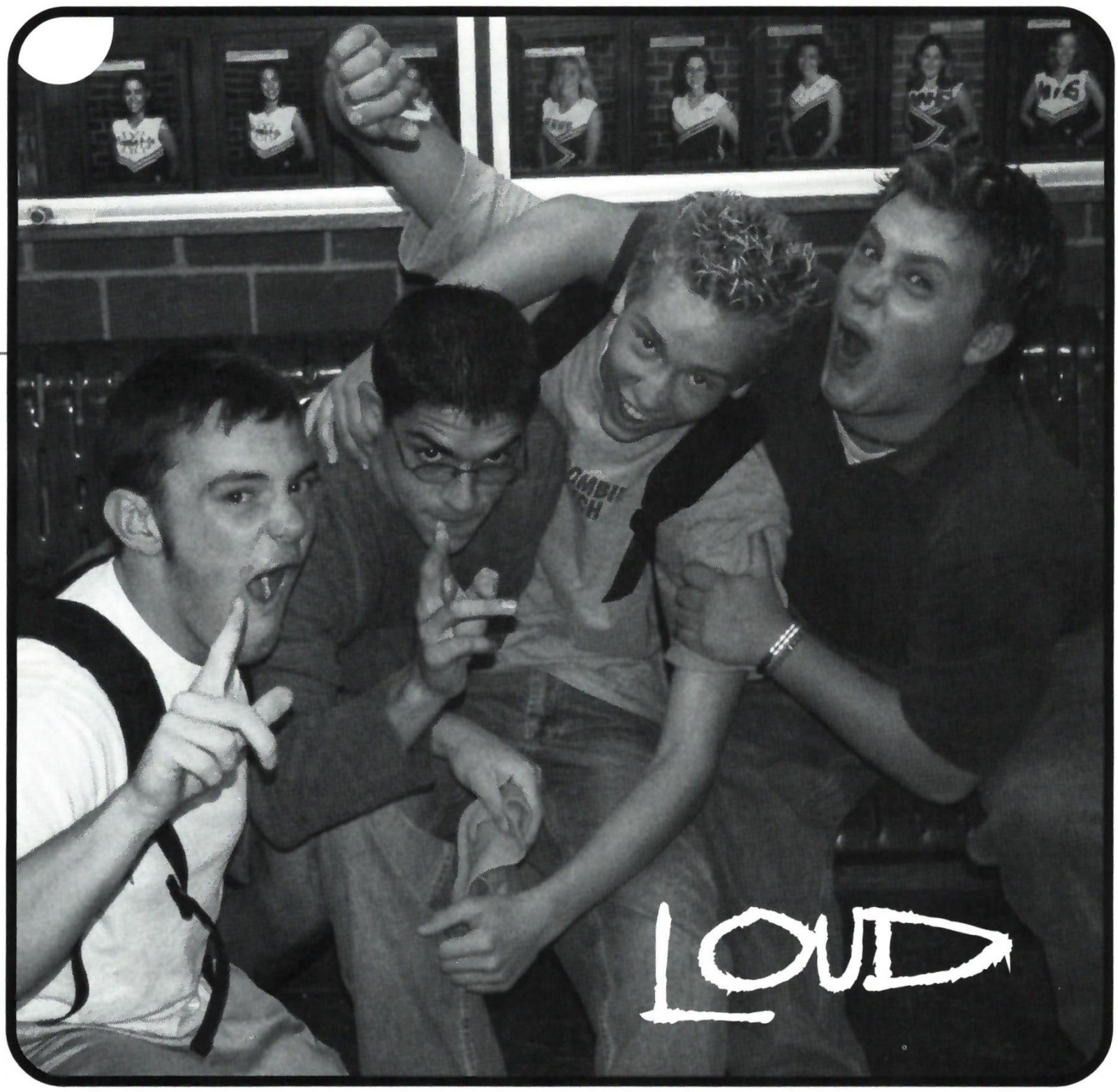

Seniors
Andrew Riley, Josh Smith, Zach Zehnder, and John Fechner display their pride on the senior benches. All four guys were prime examples of **loud** pride at sporting events.
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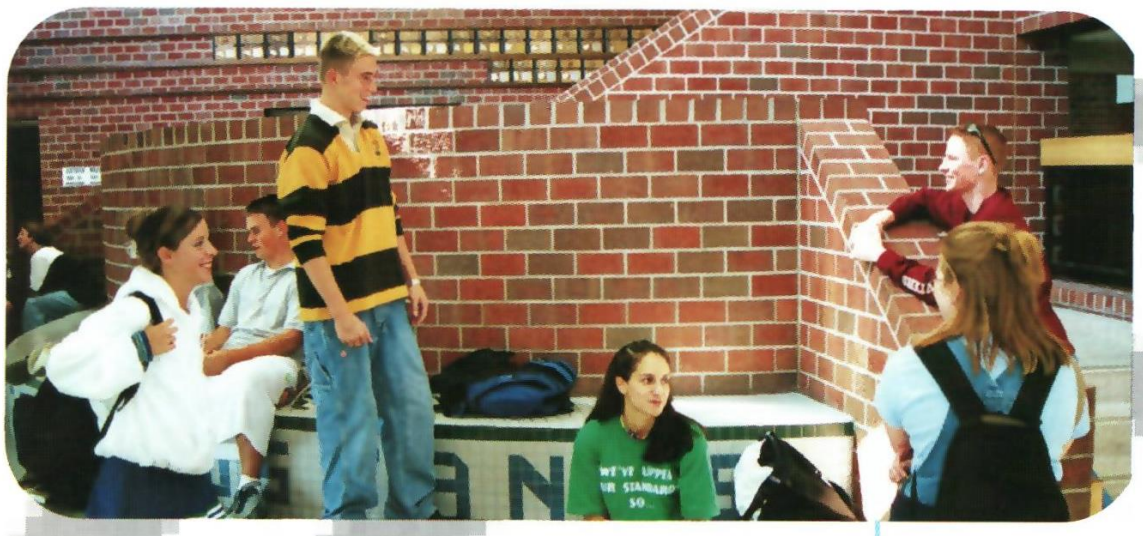

During seventh hour, juniors Spencer Bartlett, Amber Bailey, Mike Hinckley, Audrey Brassill, and senior Kyle Olig stop to chat during their hour off. Upperclassmen with open campus or modified open campus were able to hang out in the commons area or go home. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

Entertaining themselves while decorating for Homecoming, are juniors Brett Dennis and Patrick Wu. Student Council decorated the night before homecoming and early the next day to make sure everything was perfect. PHOTO BY ASHLEY ROSENBOOM

Chatting at lunch, are juniors Shawn Peterson, Ashley Foley, Michaela O'Donnell, Leah Osborne, and Kirbi Long. Students looked forward to the lunch period because it gave them a break from classes to eat and hang out with friends. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

pages by
Megan Claus & **Linsey** Armbrust

opening

As one walked through the halls of the nearly completed construction, a sense of peace could be captured. The soft blue tiling rested between a calm library and inviting counseling center. The noise of a tranquil bell eased a hectic day as students settled in their class. Once settled, students noticed electronic clocks as well as phone lines which provided easier communication.

When the school year began, major changes were noticed, yet all the construction was not yet complete. Brand new flooring and lighting graced the gyms. Although the flooring was completed by the start of the year, it was not yet capable of housing the capacity of the students it once held for the fall pep rally. In this instance, the rally was postponed.

A final destination was realized by the departments of math, science, industrial arts, fine arts, family/consumer science, social studies, journalism, art, and English. By the end of the year, all was said and done. It was the completion of a project proposed by Millard five years ago and a mission that began three years ago.

LOUD

Working on a group project in Marketing I class are seniors Emily Winter, Bobbie Felling, Eugene Tredway, and junior Salem Elzway. The marketing class did many group projects to give students an opportunity to be creative and meet new people.

PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

PROUD

You could see the unity, feel the energy, and almost taste the pride that MN beheld. The football season kicked off the year with record crowds. Students lined up to be the first in the stands. By tradition, seniors claimed their front row spots, followed by the juniors, sophomores, and freshmen. Various chants and cheers led by the cheerleaders and crowd gave MN an exploding reputation of extreme unity.

Homecoming proved another point. Not only was there pride as a whole, but as a class. Seniors declared their pride of .01 as they captured their hall with black, their traditional class color. Juniors echoed back with glowing green, sophomores shouted out with blue, and finally, the freshmen proved themselves with white.

Proud they were of their traditions, as well as their academics. Millard public schools ranked well nationally in test scores and overall achievement. An excellent staff proudly proclaimed their dedication to teaching, some being veterans to the school since the very beginning.

Students walk through the commons area during a passing period. At times, students would stop to socialize with one another. This caused overcrowding and students to be late.

PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

...and still going strong

Seniors
Angela Selzle, Lindsey Soloman, Abby Boettner, and Stefanie Osuniga claim front row during a football game. By tradition, seniors always sat in the first few rows.

PHOTO BY NATE MARQUISS

Senior
Nate Marquiss stops to look at class rings during passing period. The represenatives from Jostens were at school to display the different styles of rings to students.

PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

Passing
through the checkout line in the snack shop is sophomore Kelly Conway. It was one of the first additions in the construction.

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Senior

girls Tara Verplank, Linsey Armbrust, Megan Schmolke, Mindy Maxon, Brier Jirka, and Leah Moreno strike a pose before heading off to the Homecoming dance. They carried on the senior tradition of dressing wild and crazy.

PHOTO BY LISA VERPLANK

Conversing

in the commons area are sophomores Brooke Kleckner, junior Tonya Fidler, sophomores Dan O'Dea, Chris Shi, senior Jennifer Janis, and sophomore Shannon Foy. The commons area gave students a place to relax during lunch and passing periods.

PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

Student Life

LOUD Expression

by Megan Claus & Linsey Armbrust

A typical stereotype of MN was put to rest once a person stepped inside. Upon entering this labeled school, it was discovered that all was not what it seemed. Students expressed themselves not by standard expectation, but by personal satisfaction.

Common trends had easy influences on the lives of some: however, they didn't grab the attention of all. Lifestyles were based on personal interest when they were so loudly emphasized!

Decorating for Homecoming are juniors Kaitlyn Fischer, Kristen Parrish, Kara Wells, Maha Sidhom, and Nora Ferneding. "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" was the theme.

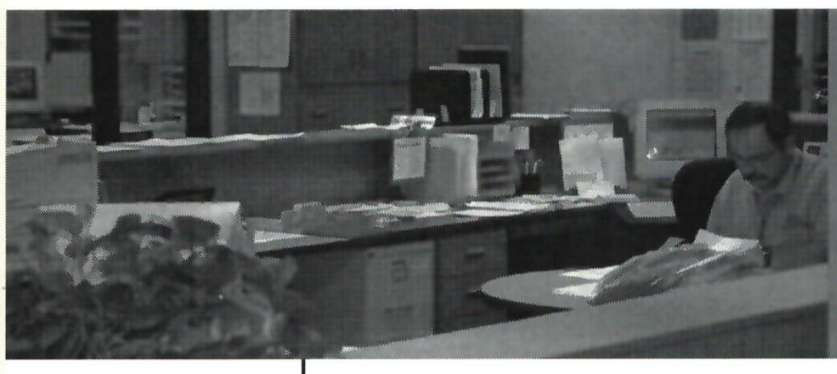
PHOTO BY ASHLEY ROSENBOOM

Hear THIS 1981

This was the first year Millard had two, four year high schools. The old high school, referred to as South, was still the Indians. North, previously Level 1, became the Mustangs.

[a new facelift]

Inconveniences of the past shown to be well worth the trouble.



When parents and students went into the counseling center, there was a more professional and productive look. Counselor Joe Caruso said the new area let counselors do their job more efficently.

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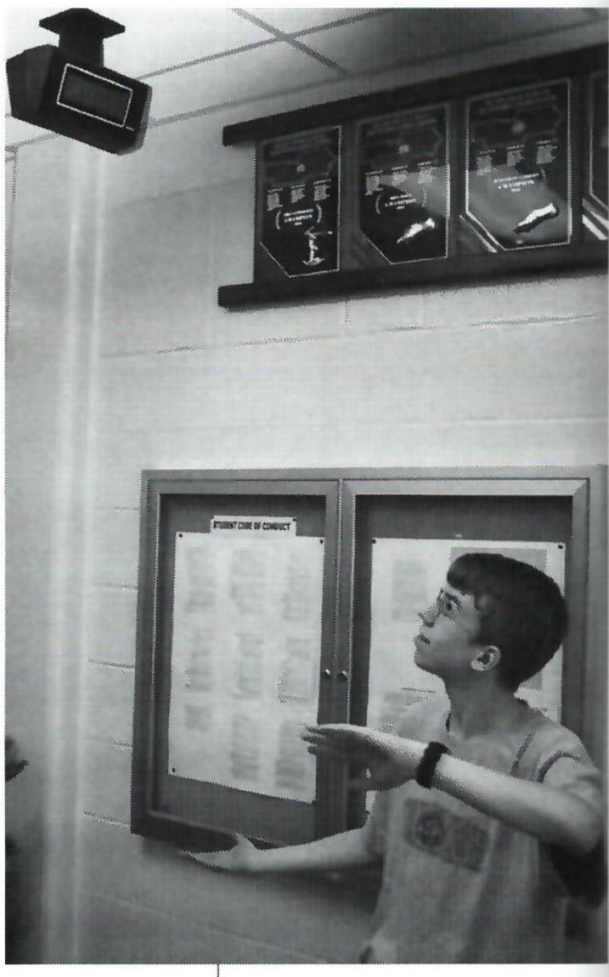
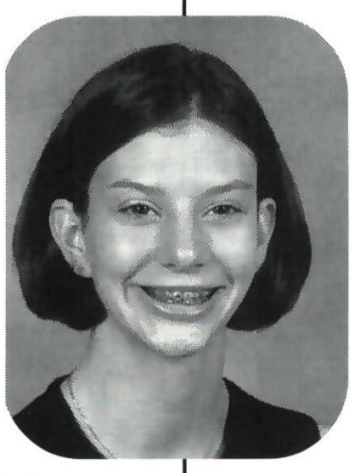
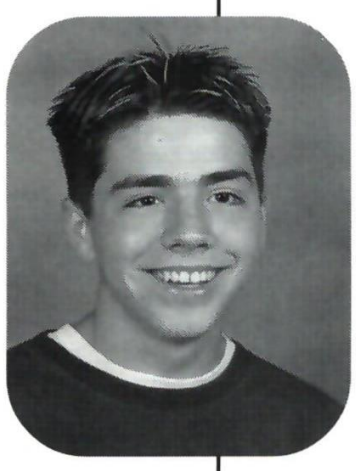


Senior James Hossack tries to figure out what time it is at a moment when the digital clocks were being reset. All of the new techonological improvements, such as the clocks and bells, were made to modernize the school. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN



Kelsey Riewer



Dustin Ritchison

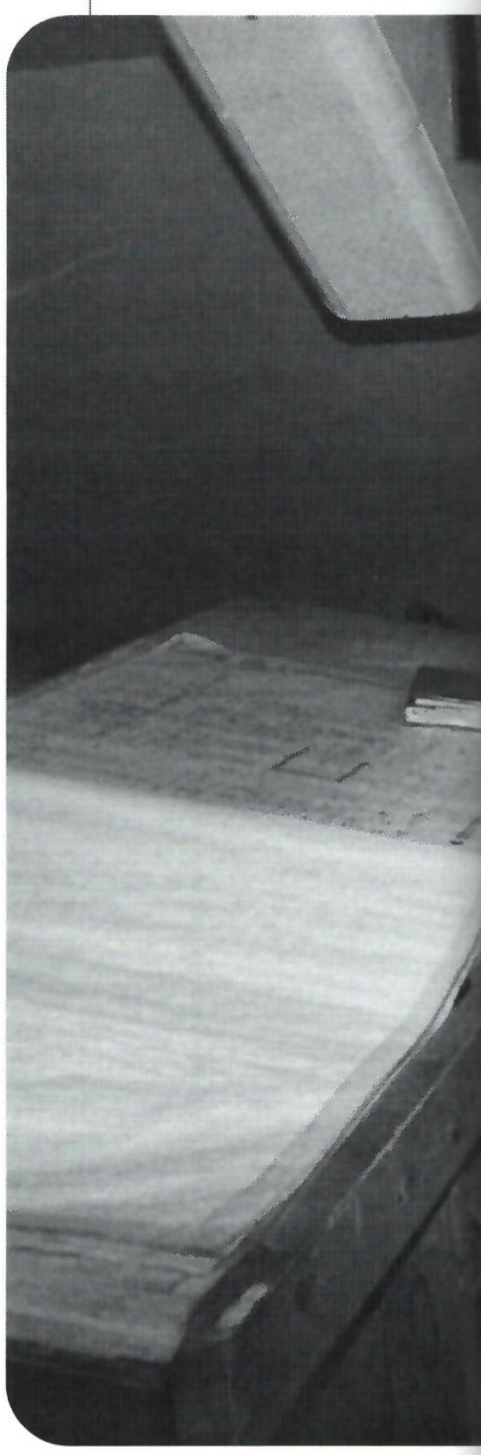
About three years ago MN began to see construction signs, caution tape, and construction workers walking around the halls. The purpose was to update the school. But, as the crowded hallways, loud noises, and annoying smells began to disappear there was a sigh of relief. Finally, they saw some results. One of the most noticeable improvement was the new siding on the school.

"The best thing done to our school was the new beige siding on the outside. Now we actually look like a school and not a warehouse," junior **Dustin Ritchison** said.

Another of the many improvements was the gym floor and lights.

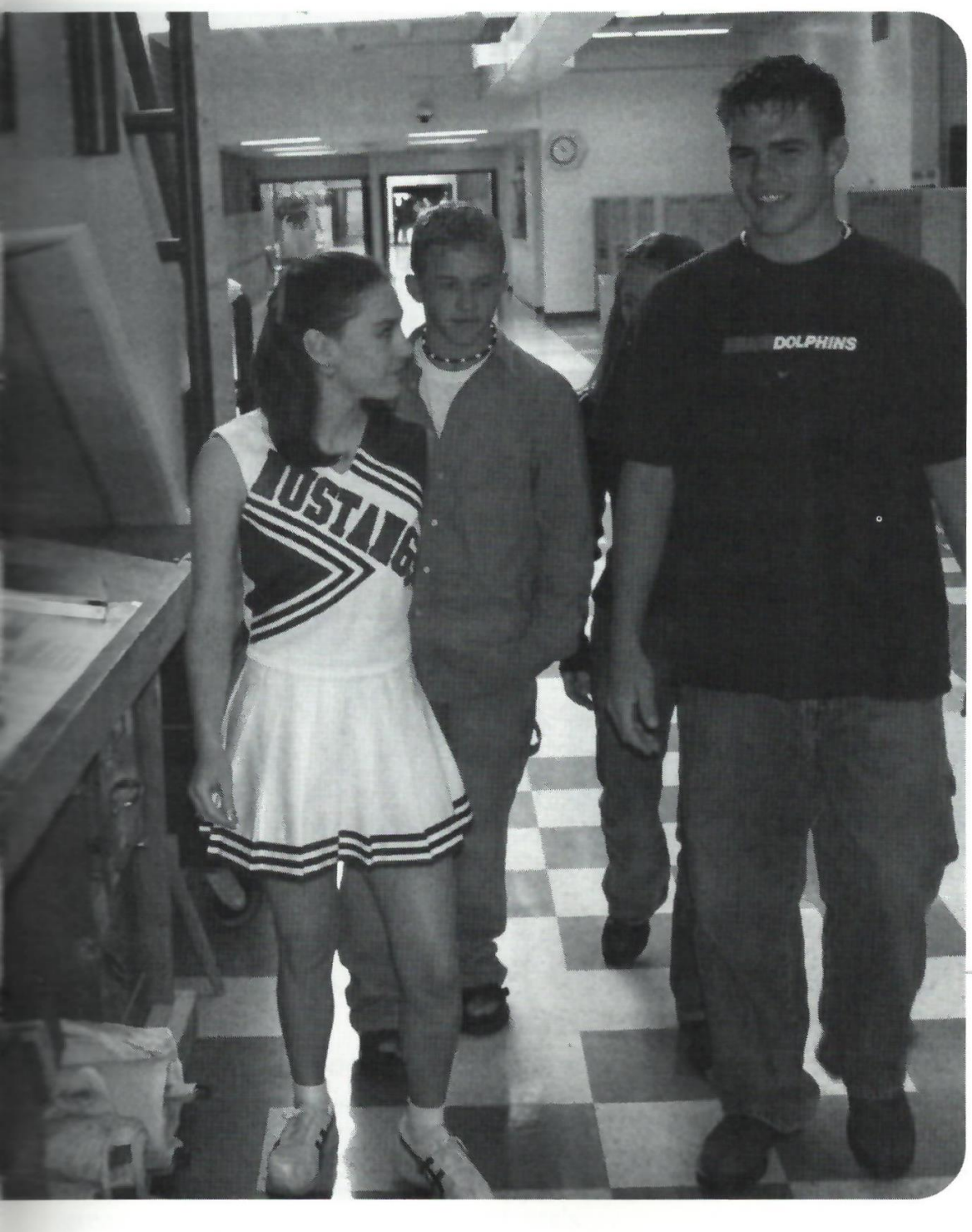
"I am really glad they fixed up our gym. The floor is better now, and it is a lot brighter and cleaner looking," junior **Kelsey Riewer** said.

The new improvements affected everyone whether he or she was a band member, an athlete, or just a student at lunch.



pages by Ashley Rohrig

Sophomore Lissa Woolf walks through the new hallway by the library and the counseling center. The worn carpet was replaced with white and blue tiles because the sunlight from the skylights had faded the old carpet. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN



Listen

Top improved areas in the school

- press box
- cafeteria and snack shop
- fine arts addition
- library
- art and journalism rooms
- counseling center
- concessions and book store
- intercoms, bells, clocks, phones
- tiling and blue carpet
- gym floor and lighting

reality

- A fresh new look was added when the external siding was replaced with concrete, giving MN a modern look. Another improvement was the additional parking spaces, enough to accommodate sophomores.

PHOTO BY ASHLEY ROSENBOOM

Juniors Sarah Edelstein, John Synowicki, and Andrew Wrenn walk in the 500 hallway. During the first few weeks of school, it was hard for students to adapt to the new classroom numbers.

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sizzlin' [fun]

Summer provided fun and new experiences for students.

pages by Jen Neuberger

Dining on a cruise ship over the summer are seniors Megan Schmolke and Brier Jirka. They spent four days exploring and swimming with the dolphins on the Caribbean Sea.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY ILENE KELLY

Sophomore Kristen Jones was lucky enough to travel to England last summer for 20 days with her Grandma. "We spent the first week in London and then went and visited Buckingham Palace and the London Bridge. My favorite thing was the Crown Jewels, because it was amazing to see all of the beautiful stones." She then went to the town of Lancshire, where her family is from.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY KRISTIN JONES

Seniors Mandy Richardson and Dan Botdorf let their muscles rest after a long day of canoeing. They spent a week exploring the Niobrara River and its beautiful surroundings with a church group.

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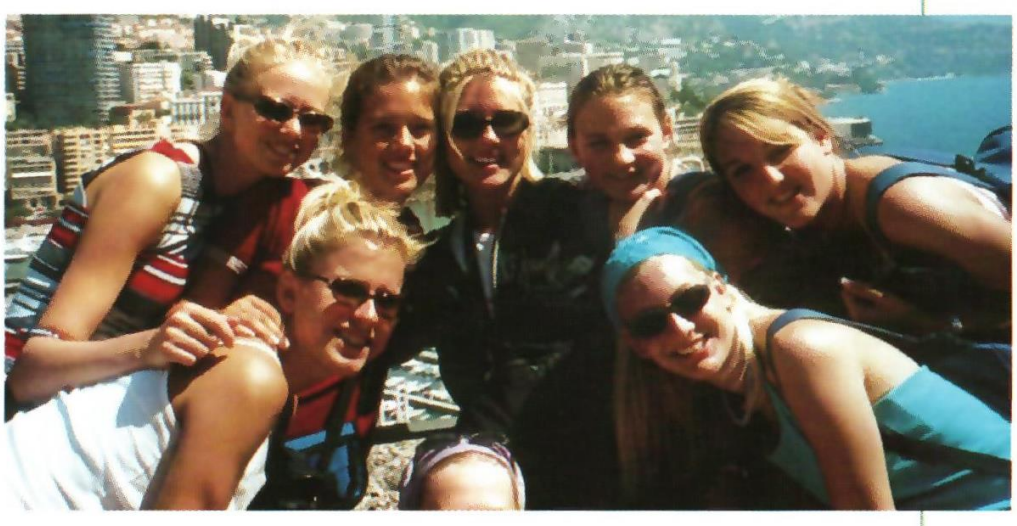

Julie Baumert, Stephanie Sotello, Lauren Eckert, Katie Deminski, Katie Braunger, Colleen Brown, Ashley Roberts, and Heidi Moser stop for a picture in Monaco. The girls spent two weeks there with a MN school-sponsored group over the summer.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY KATIE DEMINSKI

Turn it UP

Lyric Brief

"Summer time girls got it going on, shake and wiggle to a hip hop song."

-LFO

What was your best memory from the summer of '00?

Allen Hughes
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"I went to Puerto Rico with my friends this summer. It was great for obvious reasons. We just got to sit on the beach all day!"

Aly Barohn
10

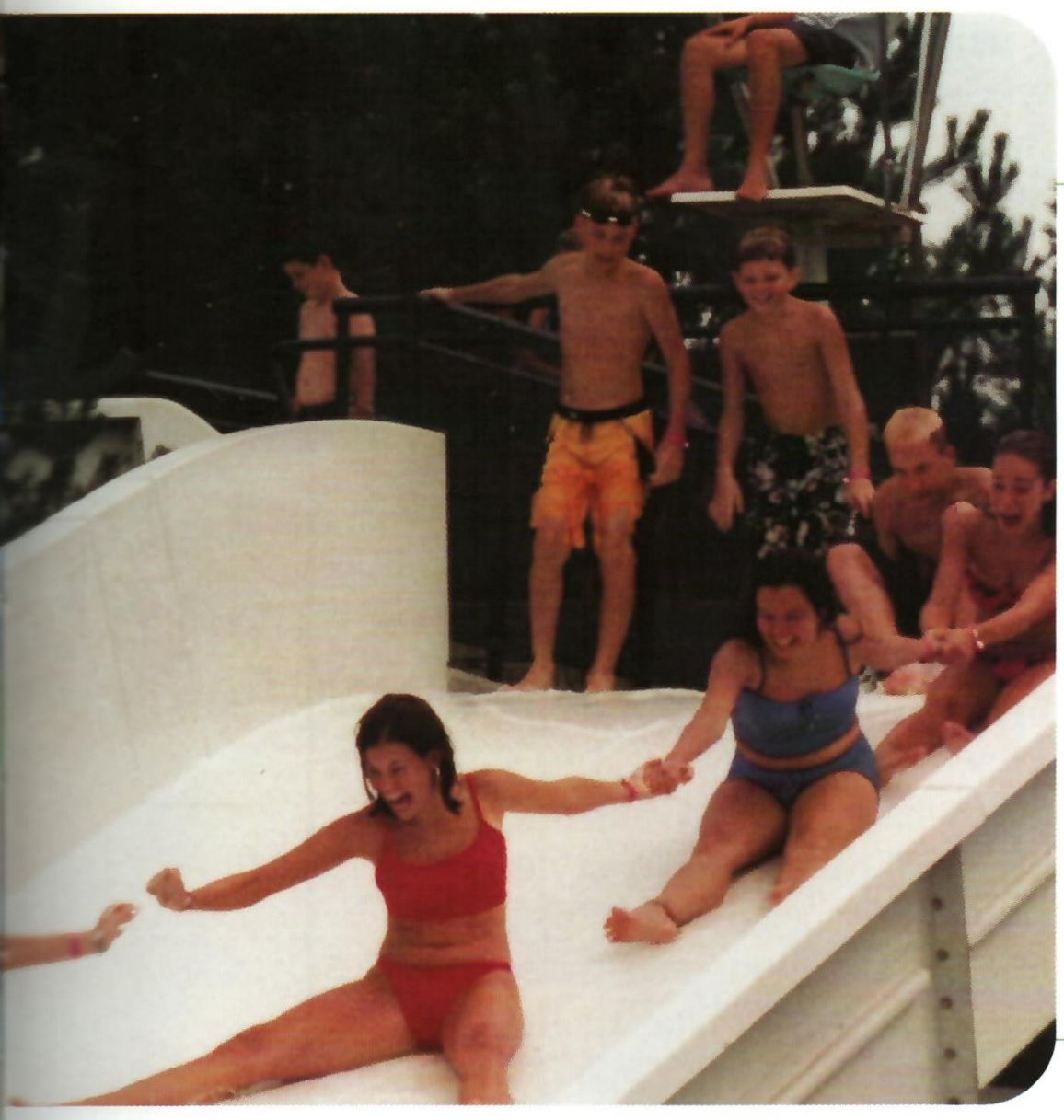
"The JV cheerleaders went to camp at UNL. We showed our spirit by receiving spirit sticks every day. I really enjoyed this because I was able to be with my friends like Corinne Shields and learn new cheers and dances."

Rayna Frazier
9

"I went to Florida this summer for modeling. I love to do this because it is my goal to be a model when I am older. It was a great experience!"

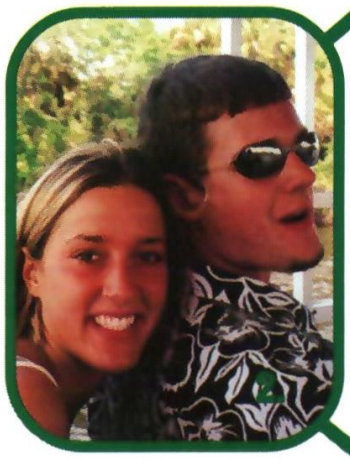
trend Watch

Capri pants could be seen through out the halls, making a come back from the 50s. They also developed into a flood pant trend, made in various styles and colors.



Papio Fun Park was a popular hangout for sophomores Allie Wilensky, Alyson Carstens, Lauren Banghart and Jen Cooper over the summer. The waterslides were a great way to cool off from the summer's heat. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY LAUREN BANGHART

1. Sophmores Sara Schult and Nicole Bloodworth enjoy parasailing at Lake of the Ozarks. The girls went with Sara's family for a weekend away. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY NICOLE BLOODWORTH



2. Senior Natalie Oakley and her brother, junior Adam Oakley sit in the sun in Florida. They visited Port Charlotte for a week- long trip. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY NATALIE OAKLEY

3. Holding up her trophy fish is senior Jeannine Held. She spent a two weeks in Alaska with her family. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY JEANNINE HELD

Hear THIS 1982

Students dealt with construction issues even during the first year of classes. It wasn't until February 1982 that the middle commons was completed to connect the south and north wings.

Hear This 1983

Preppie and fifties are the two best adjectives to describe this year's fashions. Mini skirts, walking shorts, sculptured hair, and pump shoes were commonly seen in MN's halls.

[*totally* radical]

New trends filled the year with flashbacks from the 80s.

Three-year-old Chase Thompson in 1985 sits in awe, surrounded by his new Christmas presents. Popoids, Mr.Potato Head, and Matchbox cars were some of the popular toys of the decade. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY CHASE THOMPSON

Brier Jirka

Mike Giovanni

Did you ever give the "Carebear stare" when you were young? Use the famous slang terms like "psyche", "awesome", or even "radical"? If you did, then you were probably born in the 80s. New Kids on the Block crazed the nations while *Saved by the Bell, Full House,* and *Fraggle Rock* were the most popular TV shows for kids.

" I had the biggest crush on Joey from New Kids on the Block when I was little. Funny thing is I still like to listen to them," senior **Brier Jirka** said.

Crimped hair, flat tops, slap bracelets and clothes with cartoon characters were very popular among the kids who grew up in the 80s.

"I'll remember always having a flat top or what I called a buzz cut. I also loved He-Man and always had shirts with him on it," senior **Mike Giovanni** said.

" I was more of a side pony tail girl and always had the cool jelly bracelets on," Jirka said.

Though it was years ago when crimped hair and big earrings were in style, students helped the rad styles make a huge comeback while mixing current styles of the new century.

pages by Linsey Armbrust

Flat tops caused an outbreak with boys. "I had a flat top most of my life. I also had the coolest battery powered truck that I would drive around to pick up chicks with," sophomore Evan Armbrust said.

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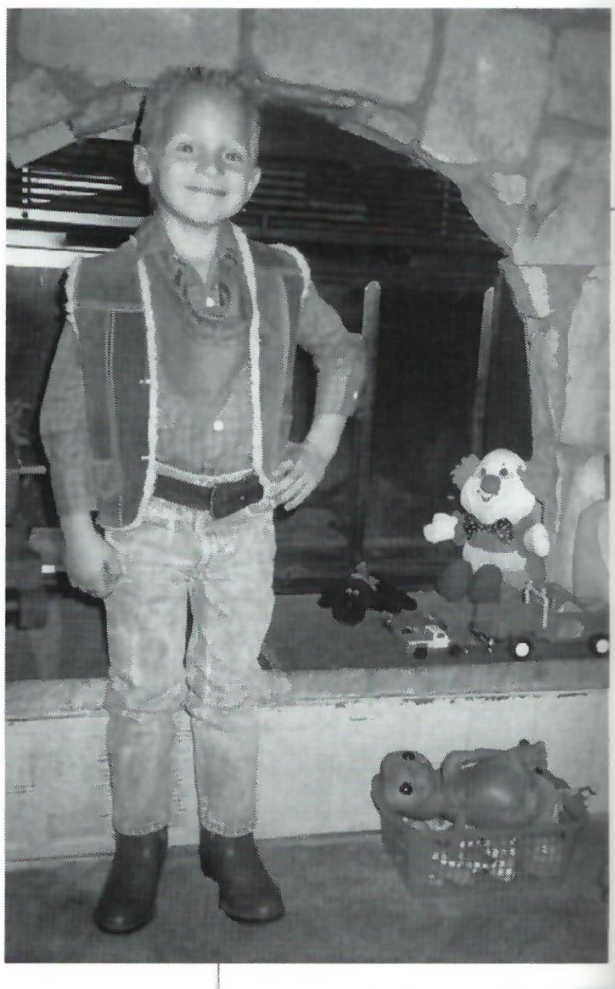


Wearing big hairbows and tie-dyed fluorescent clothing were sophomores Kim Burnham and Colleen Brown's favorite fashion trends to wear. These became popular in the late 80s and early 90s among young girls. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY KIM BURHAM

Listen

Top trends for kids in the 1980s

- crimped hair
- Saved by the Bell
- side pony tails
- flat tops
- Gremlins or Carebears lunch box
- t-shirts were tied to one side
- neon/fluorescent clothing
- rolled up tight acid washed jeans
- crushes on New Kids on the Block
- the need to be on Star Search

reality

- Strawberry Shortcake was one of the most popular dolls and cartoons among little girls. Two-year-old Mandy Richardson dressed as her favorite character for Halloween in 1985.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY MANDY RICHARDSON

Five-year-old Jake Day shows off his jean jacket in front of his kindergarten class. Jean jackets were popular, and even started to make a comeback with students.

PHOTO BY CONTRIBUTED BY JAKE DAY

mixed [up]

There was no more hiding for freshmen when they combined with the rest of the school.

pages by Meg Bolmeier

Senior John Thomas asks environmental science teacher Dave Noodell for help in class. Students coped with many questions that teachers were expected to answer during the beginning of the school year.

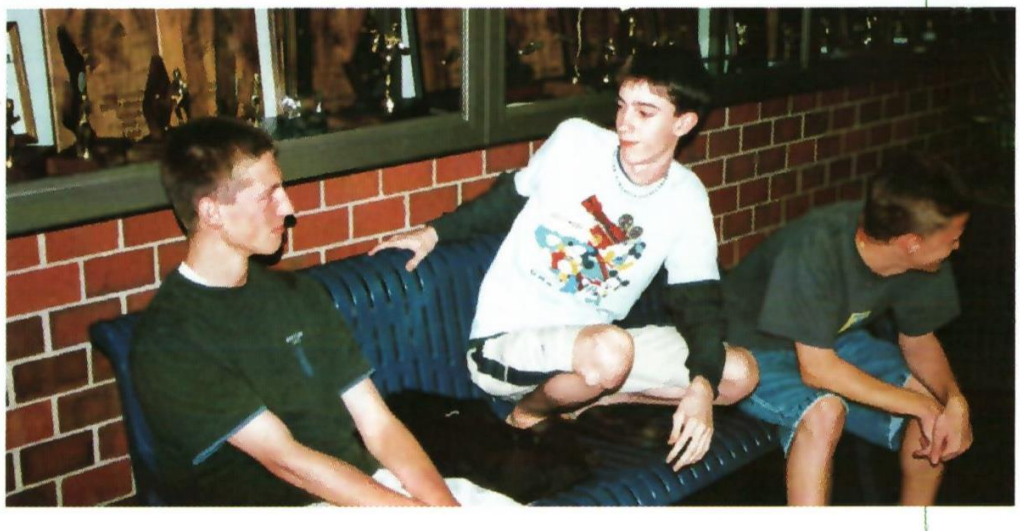
PHOTO BY JOSH CHEEK

Seniors Bret Martin, Justin Vandervort and Bryce Lampman hang out at the seniors commons before school started on the second day. For Martin, coming to school on the second day was a change, new underclassmen wandering the halls. "I wasn't nervous because now I'm a senior and the underclassman are intimidated by me!" Random freshman survival tip: Only one Britney Spears clone per classroom! photo by Micheal Hellman

Hundreds of students cram the halls during every passing period. Despite renovations to gain hall space, they quickly became full due to socializing, but crowding eased up as the year progressed.

PHOTO BY JOSH CHEEK

Seniors Mike Kohlmeier, Adam Fitzgarrald and Matt Holmes seem to be nervous and jumpy while sitting on the bench on the second day of school The benches served as an important gathering spot. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN



Turn it UP

Lyric Brief

"Say it ain't so, I will not go, turn the lights off, carry me home."

-Blink 182

Luke 9 Failla

"I was nervous about how I would look in front of all the beautiful older girls. I was scared of seniors too. They were so big. I didn't want to make them mad."

Charlie 10 Peacock

What made you the most nervous on your second day?

Katherine Anderson 9

"I was nervous because I thought I would get lost and walk into the wrong classroom. I also thought I would trip and fall."

"I was nervous because I didn't realize that I had a hole in my pants. I didn't want people staring at me all day."

trend watch

Animal prints were all the rage nation-wide. If she had style, a girl could be seen with anything from a leopard print purse, zebra book cover, snake skin pants, or even tiger seat covers. It all depended on personal style.

Jenny Mahacek and her mother discuss her schedule. She took time out of her day to fix changes on her schedule. She was one of the first to get help in the new counseling center. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

1. Seniors Jackie Sommers and Greg Thorson stand laughing at the nervous freshman walking into school. Seniors remembered what that was like four years ago. PHOTO BY JOSH CHEEK

2. Counselor Vince Lenz and senior Tara Dinslage go over her schedule, discussing the classes she has. Many students went to their counselors for schedule changes on the second day. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

3. New English teacher Beth Reisbig becomes a little nervous for her first full day at MN. Teachers' nerves were on edge as well as students'. PHOTO BY JOSH CHEEK

Hear This 1984

On a chilled night in October, four students caused $10,000 worth of damage to the school. Damages included weights in the pool, shattered trophy cases, emptied fire extinguishers, and ransacked science labs.

Hear This 1985

Because of a common tradition of underage drinking after the Prom, the Booster Club sponsored the first after-prom party. Just a note: parking permits- $1.00 during this year.

Disco day gave teacher Donn Kasner a chance to go back to the 70's and bust a move for his students. Many other students and teachers dressed up for a day to go back in time. PHOTO BY JOSH CHEEK

[*feel the* Power]

A school filled with so much spirit that you could feel the energy it held.

"Gettin' Lucky" was the theme for the junior hallway. Junior Alex Campbell takes time out of her lunch period to repair damages done to the junior hall. Students decorated the night before from 3:30-6:00 pm.
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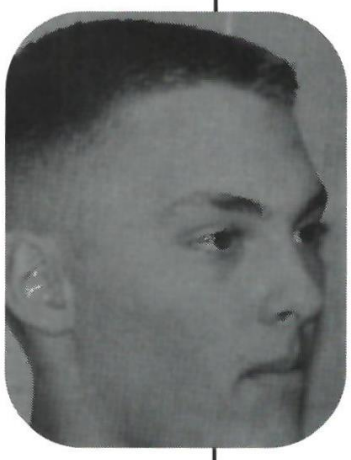
Sam French



Mitch Birt

During the week before Homecoming, students had a chance to really show off their spirit. Spirit Week was designed to give students a chance to get involved with the school pride.

"I like Spirit Week because it gets everyone pumped up for the game, and excited for the dance," senior **Sam French** said.

Students participated in Come as You Are Day, Hawaiian Day, Disco Day, Class Color Day, and Army Day. During Come as You Are Day, students wore pajama pants, boxers, and slippers.

"I like pajama day because you get to come lazy to school," freshman **Jenny Finkle** said.

The night before Class Color Day, students decorated their traditional hallway with their class color. During school the next day, each grade level dressed up in its color as well.

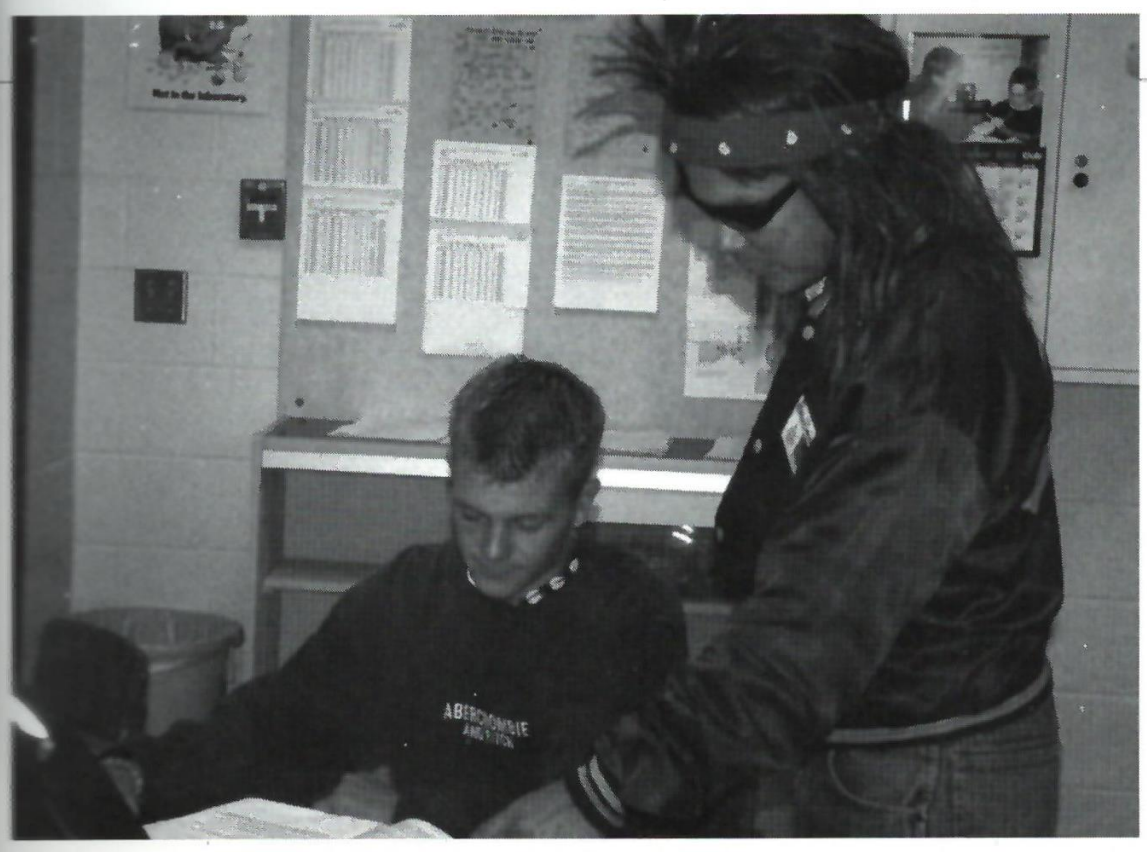
"The hallways get me excited for Homecoming because they are cool to walk through. It just makes school better," sophomore **Mitch Birt** said.

Students were involved during Spirit Week because they liked to express their spirit in a loud way.

"I didn't decorate (the hallways), but it is cool when you see what grade everyone is and all of the school colors," **Finkle** said.

pages by Jennifer Cooper

Chemistry teacher Dan Parkison shows off his disco attire while helping junior Ryan Zehnacker with his homework. The week before Homecoming was filled with dress-up days and activities for students' participation. PHOTO BY JOSH CHEEK



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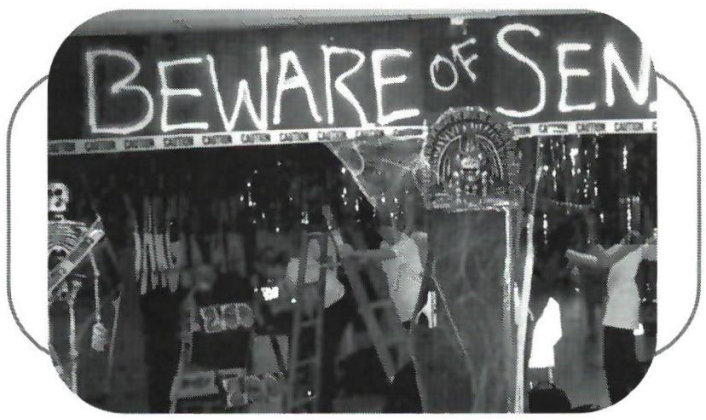
Top spirit details to show off

- wear school colors
- go to the football games
- cheer
- hall decorate
- face paint
- let go of that first touchdown balloon
- be active in after-school activities
- wear class headbands
- participate in spirit week
- get involved with Student Council

reality

- Hall decorating was anticipated from the very start of the year. Students raised money from class donations to buy materials to decorate their class hall. "Danger Zone" was completed by the seniors.



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During a passing period, seniors Nikki Rech and Jill Porter take time to dance to the music playing in their hall. Decorations included road signs, black lights, a couch, and a ping pong table. PHOTO BY JOSH CHEEK

shake [it]

Night full of charm...or was it? Crazy as it was, fun prevailed once more.

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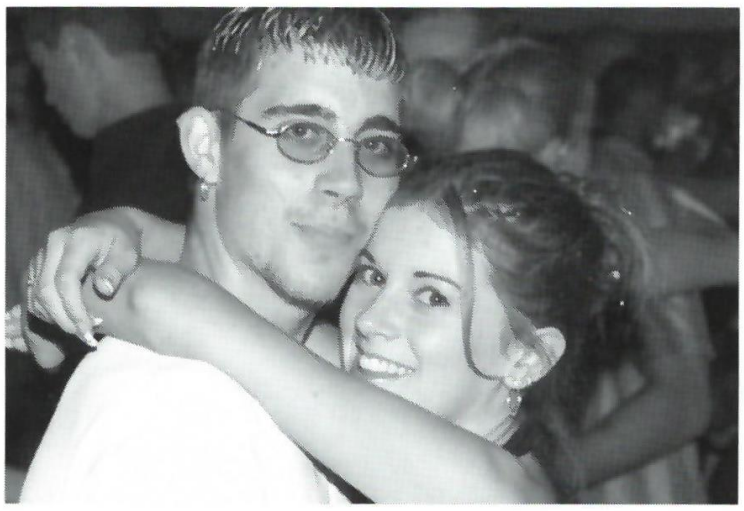

Senior Joe McCauley and sophomore Britt Burnett hang out at the dance . The dance was a good chance for friends and couples to be together and "glam" up for each other.

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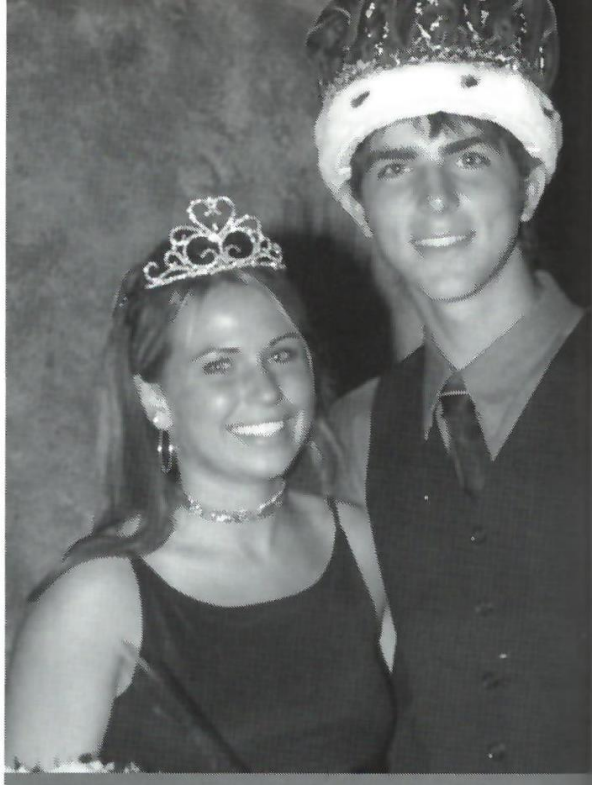
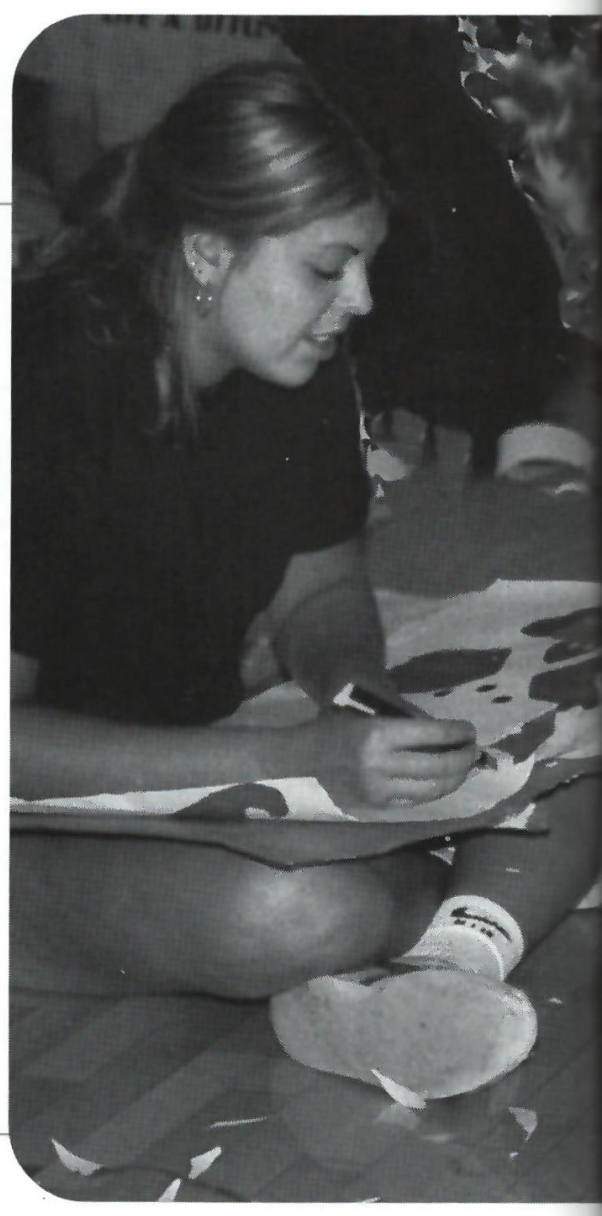


Crowned Homecoming Queen and King are seniors Julie Gist and Scott Adams. Problems with the sound system caused a bit of confusion among students and candidates. " I couldn't tell whose name they called because the speakers were on only in the practice gym. It was a shock and very special because it's my senior year. Better yet I got to stand with Scott; he is such a hottie!" Gist said. PHOTO BY RICK BILLINGS

While Brittany Spear's music blared in the gym, seniors Katie Dominski and Katie Braunger danced in front of the student body from atop a speaker. Crazy outfits and wild wigs were worn by many seniors who wanted to stand out from the normal Homecoming attire. PHOTO BY RICK BILLINGS



[Royalty]

King Scott Adams

Queen Julie Gist

Duke	Donald Engstrom	**Sophomore**	Michael Devries
Duchess	Sam French	**Sophomore**	Allyson Schneiderwind
Prince	Brandon Fischer	**Freshman**	Matt Wiedenman
Princess	Kyla Bauer	**Freshman**	Erin Cantwell

Turn it UP

Lyric Brief "So get your haircut, and your car washed too. Lookin' like a star, in your Armani suit."

-Destiny's Child

Chris 10 Garvey

"Homecoming was awesome because we danced all night despite the bad music. There were so many hot girls there too!"

Joanna 12 Gilley

What was your favorite part of Homecoming 2000?

Megan Tuttle 12

"For the last three years of high school, I couldn't wait for my senior year Homecoming dance. It was more than I expected and by far the best dance ever!"

"Even though I don't really get into school spirit or dance stuff, Homecoming was a good opportunity to get together with friends for one last time because I am graduating early this year."

trend watch

This year was no different from years past. Seniors highlighted the dance by showing off their wildest outfits. Sparkly shirts and wild pants were popular among the girls, while guys decked out in baggy pants and bandanas, or as their favorite 70s character.

1. Sophomores Emily Thorson, Allie Willensky, Jennifer Cooper, and Amanda Timm eat Homecoming dinner at Shadow Ridge Country Club. Having dinner with ten other people took a lot of planning in advance. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY LAUREN BANGHART

2. Senior couple Seth Pfaltzgraff and Stefanie Osuniga share a dance. These two dates opted for a different route, while most seniors went stag. PHOTO BY RICK BILLINGS

3. Freshman Katie Zach receives a rose and a hug from fellow freshman nominee Matt Wiedenman. Walking across the balcony was a nerve racking time for nominees. PHOTO BY RICK BILLINGS

Decorating the gym for Homecoming are juniors Megan Santa Maria and Amanda Bordman. Student council spiced up the halls from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m the night before.. PHOTO BY ASHLEY ROSENBOOM

Hear This 1986

A poll was conducted on students, it concluded that Taco Bell was the favorite fast food restaurant and Levi jeans was the favoite brand of over one half of the students polled.

Hear This 1987

On Nov. 14, the varsity volleyball team claimed MN's first state championship in any sport. The team's season also earned them the top ranking in the *Omaha World Herald's* rankings.

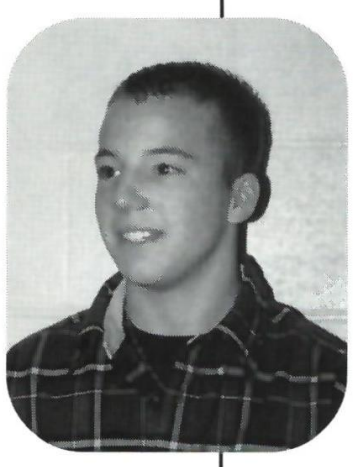
Primping for a night on the town is junior Jenni Friend. Getting ready before hitting the streets was a major factor for both girls and guys.
PHOTO BY ASHLEY ROSENBOOM

[got a life?]

All the buzz was about what happened on the weekends.

Mustang pride was present at the football games. One could watch quality athletics in action and catch up on the latest gossip with friends. The overwhelming spirit kept the games alive and students coming back for more. PHOTO BY JOSH CHEEK

Kristin Lamprecht



Peter Saccoman

Weekend. To some students, the word didn't mean much. However, for those it did mean something to, thoughts of partying, later curfews than normal, and spending extra time with friends came to mind.

For junior **Kristin Lamprecht**, the weekend was aways something to look forward to.

"I always get excited for the weekend after a really long week at school. I'm just glad to be able to relax and have fun with all my friends," Lamprecht said.

Many students continued to find their way to Taco Bell. The well-known meeting place yet again proved to be a hot spot to meet up with friends or just grab a quick and cheap bite to eat. The hangout seemed to remain a tradition throughout past summers and school years.

"I usually go up to Taco Bell to hang out and talk with friends. That's where all the fun is. It's a good place to go after football games because it's always convenient," sophomore **Peter Saccoman** said.

Although students had other obligations on the weekends, they always seemed to find time for fun.

pages by
Lindsey Dame

Sweet dreams is what the weekend is all about for juniors Alice Chiou and Jessica Loyd. Many used the long days to kick back and relax.
PHOTO BY ASHLEY ROSENBOOM

Listen

Top places
to be seen on the weekend

- Taco Bell
- parties
- MN sporting events
- Buffalo Wild Wings
- Cougar Lanes
- Albertson's parking lot
- Oakview Mall
- friend's basement
- Old Market
- AMC 24

reality

- "Yo quiero Taco Bell." Junior Mark Bryant craves a cheap snack while spending quality time with fellow Mustangs. Taco Bell has been the main hangout spot for students from MN and other schools for years.

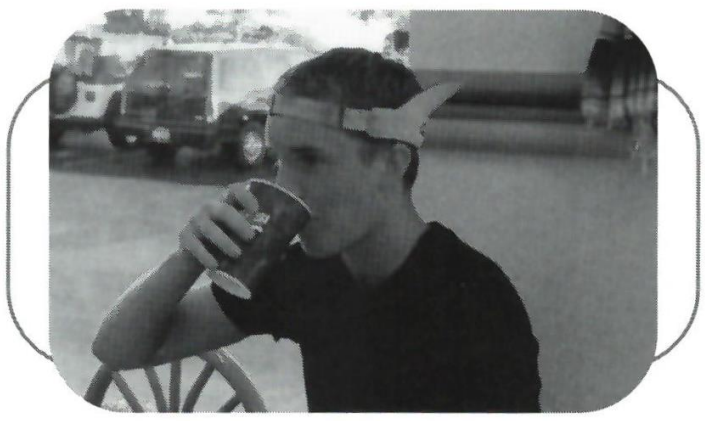


PHOTO BY ASHLEY ROSENBOOM

Bringing back childhood memories, junior Shala Dvorak takes time out to play a game. Students usually enjoyed the chance to act like kids. PHOTO BY ASHLEY ROSENBOOM

sign [on]

"You've got mail" became more than just a household phrase.

pages by Cindy Gottschalck

Counselor Bev Johnson looks for scholarships for students on the internet. Counselors were able to provide students with college information mush faster through the internet, with just a click of a button.

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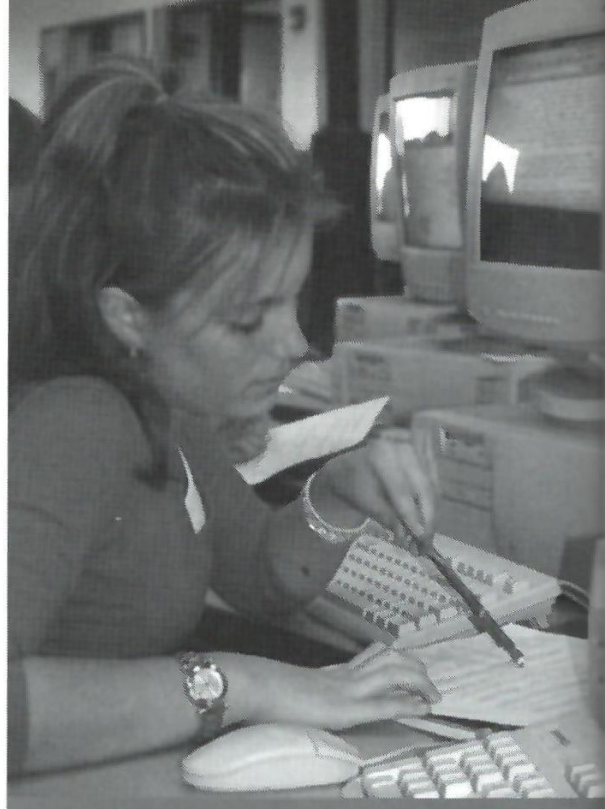
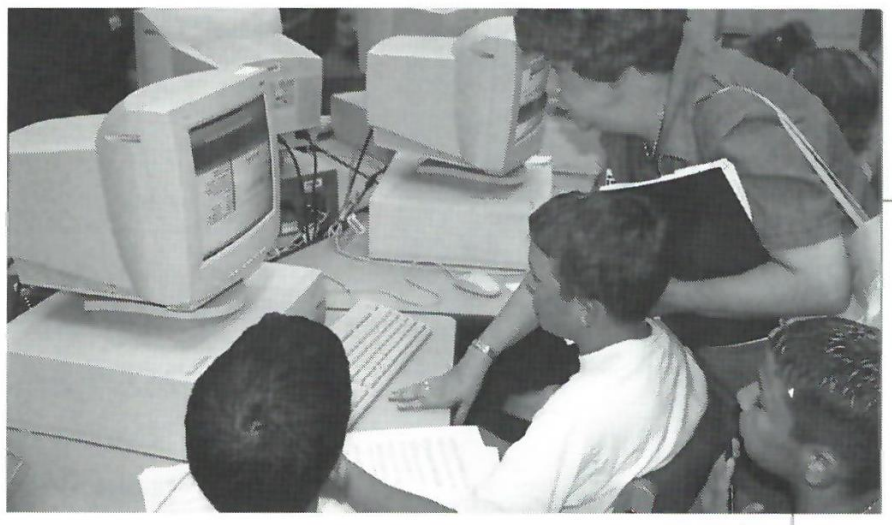


Getting on the internet was almost a daily thing for freshman Brandi Petersen, as it was for many students. She used the net for everyday things like homework, e-mails, or even just chatting with friends on AOL Instant Messenger. This was a new way to stay in touch with friends without using the phone. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN



Freshmen Chris Moreno, Trevor Lieberth, and Joe Lercara watch as English teacher Ellen Batenhorst helps them search the net for research. Sometimes there was so much information on the net, that students became confused on which data would be the most helpful to them.

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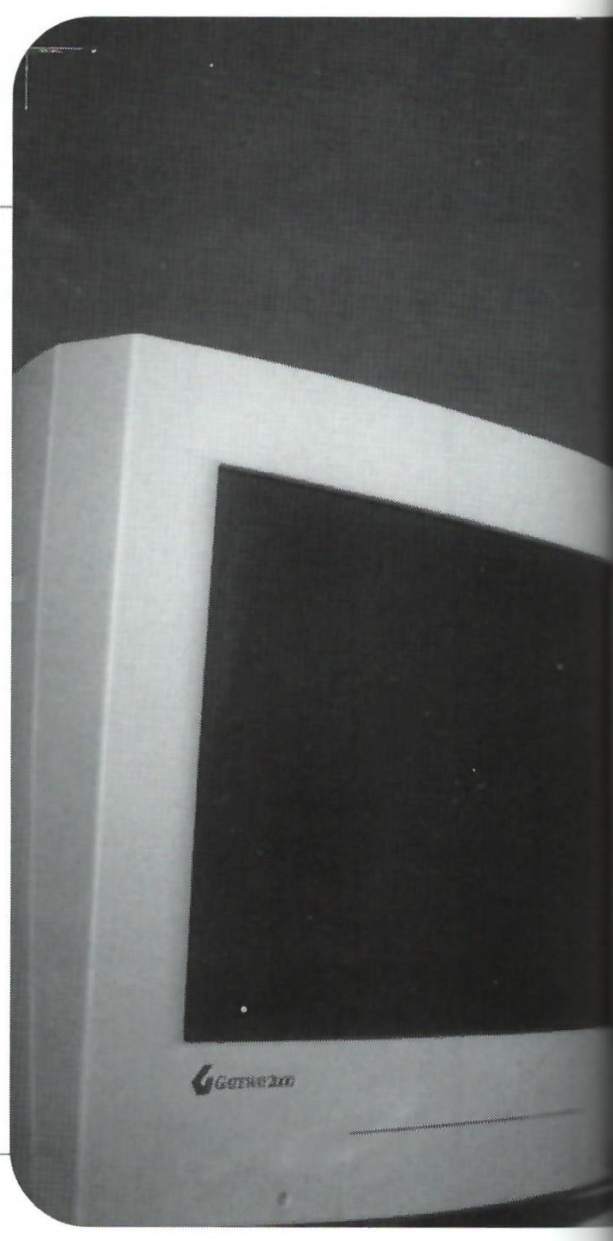

Downloading songs from Napster is freshman Matt Peterson. Students often burned CDs for friends who didn't have access to a CD burner at a reasonable cost.

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Turn it UP

Lyric Brief

"If we can't get together naturally then we can get together on the digital screen."

-'Nsync

What do you do at your favorite website?

Josh Smith
12

"I go to Hotmail frequently to read my e-mail. I also download songs from Napster, and I go to E-bay auctions to buy and trade golf clubs."

Justis Eipperle
9

"I usually just surf the internet and find things that appeal to me. A lot of times I use the internet for school, and I go Yahoo! chat rooms."

Becky Johnson
9

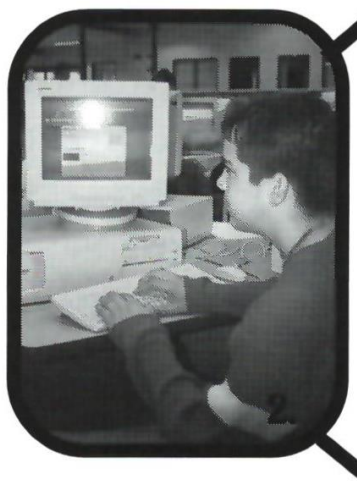
"I like to chat with my friends, so I go to www.aol.com often and talk to them in the new, young-adult chat room."

trend Watch

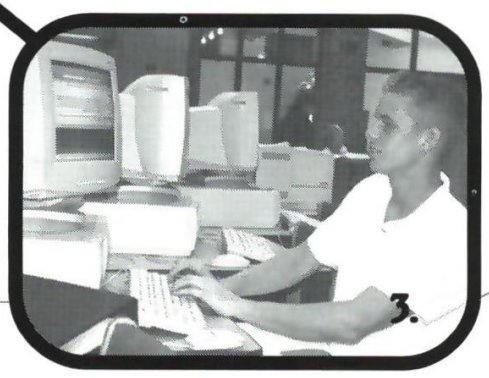
Justin Timberlake from 'Nsync started a worldwide craze of gluing jewels on bandanas and wearing them for fashion. MN seniors girls adopted this trend to show senior pride.

Talking to a friend on AOL Instant Messenger is junior Lisa Zahm. Instant Messenger was a great way for students to keep in touch with relatives and friends. PHOTO BY ASHLEY ROSENBOOM

1. Sophomore Katie Lasher uses her textbook to look up information for her worksheets. Sometimes students preferred to use books instead of the net. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN



2. Secretly downloading songs off of Napster is freshman Andrew Wismer. Students were not allowed to download music in the library. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN



3. Using the YAHOO search engine is junior David Montgomery. Search engines were a faster and easier way to gather information. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

Hear This 1988

The price of a parking permit rose $19. Students were then charged $20. This change was due to the hiring of a security guard to patrol the parking lot.

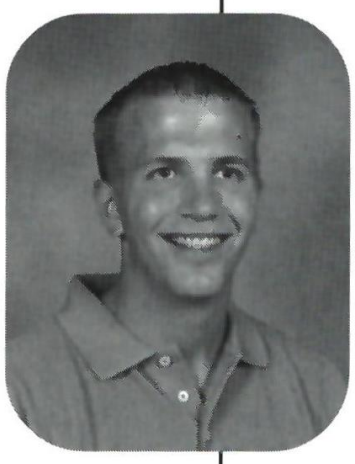
Hear THIS 1989

According to an article from an April issue of the Hoofbeat, the class of '89 had gotten the reputation of being a spiritless, obnoxious, rude, and alcoholic body of hedonistic teenagers.

[stage fright?]

Opening night of 42nd Street proved all fears were conquered.

Senior Jenny Ploughman, juniors Melanie Benesh, Ashley Borchers, Kirbi Long, sophomores Lauren Banghart, Kara Hanson, and junior Rachel McCune tap dance. The principal dancers had special roles because they were considered "the best" by directors Cindy Nabity and Terry Petersen. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY CINDY NABITY



Troy Grover

Katie Freeman

It was opening night. A person could hear a pin drop on the auditorium floor, because it was that quiet. The audience eagerly awaited the music to start. They sat on the edges of their seats anticipating the arrival of the singers and dancers of **42nd Street.**

The actors were just as nervous as the audience.

"I can remember coming on stage and realizing that my arm hair was sticking straight up and my legs were wobbling like crazy," senior **Troy Grover** said.

Opening night wasn't all that the **42nd Street** participants were worried about. Some had trouble learning the complicated dances, while others could barely remember their lines.

" It was awful forgetting my part. I spent hours and hours trying to memorize my lines, but nothing worked. I was lucky to remember them on the performance nights! " Grover said.

The **42nd Street** cast worked two months to put the show together. They had three rehearsals a week for up to three hours a night.

"It was tiring to come up to school day-in and day-out, but the end result was a success and that's all that matters," senior **Katie Freeman** said.

pages by Alyson Carstens

Junior Kirbi Long and sophomore Matt Davies sing to "Shuffle off to Buffalo." Long and Davies were supporting actors in **42nd Street.**
PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY CINDY NABITY

The Cast

Dorothy Brock- Katie Freeman and Meagan Smigelsky; **Peggy Sawyer-** Chelsie Hartness and Jenny Ploughman; **Maggie Jones-** Rachel McCune; **Anytime Annie-** Kirbi Long; **Phyllis Dale-** Melanie Benesh; **Lorraine Flemming-** Ashley Borchers; **Diane Lorimer-** Lauren Banghart; **Ethel-** Kara Hansen; **Julian Marsh-** Troy Grover and Eric Grant-Leanna; **Brett Barry-** Matt Davies; **Billy Lawlor-** Matt Uehling; **Andy Lee-** Joe Selzle; **Pat Denning-** Sam Vasta; **Abner Dillon-** Peter Jensen; **Dance Soloist-** Jolie Johnson; **Oscar-** Adam Hughes; **Doctor/ Gangster-** Mike Hinckley; **Thugs-** John Cochlin and Garret Daub; **Pickpocket-** Andre Pessini; **Policeman-** Rob Botkin; **Company Dancers-** Megan Glover, Jessica Dozark, Tegan Mullins, Toni Oestmann, Amanda Person, Sarah Robinson, Melissa Smigelsky, Taryn Thomas, and Tiffany Thomas; **Choral Dancers-** Anna Cashero, Danielle Gray, Kara Kopecy, Allyson Schneiderwind, Kaylan Paisley, Rebecca Smedlund, Sara Schweid, Lindsey Solomon, and Kelsie Williamson; **Dance Chorus-** Matt Gall, Tony Werner, Scott Sandstrom, Ted Osuniga, Rob Botkin, and Jonathan Turner; **Chorus-** Taria Abram, Carrie Bahde, Mike Bandemer, David Brodhead, Cam Cushing, Elizabeth Freeman, Mike Hinckley, Julie Krogh, Audrey Labens, Stephen Lambert, Emily McIvor, Molly Meyerink, Suzie Moessner, Jennifer Paskach, Andre Pessini, Nick Smith, and Josh Ulanday; **Directors-** Cindy Nabity and Terry Petersen; **Choreographer-** Jen Parker;

Senior Jenny Ploughman and junior Matt Uehling flirt on stage hoping to snag a date. In the musical, the two had eyes for each other. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY CINDY NABITY

Listen

Top reasons for having stage fright

- forgetting a line
- mispronouncing a word
- the family is in the audience
- making a fool of yourself
- boyfriend/ girlfriend is in the audience
- singing the wrong note
- fear of falling on stage
- not looking your best
- fear of fainting
- excessive sweating

reality

Seniors Chelsie Hartness and Meagan Smigelsky discuss how "Peggy" (Hartness' character) should perform her piece "Around a Quarter to Nine." In the play, "Peggy" was a naive, young girl who replaced Smigelsky's role when she broke her ankle.

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Senior Eric Grant-Leanna, junior Rachel McCune and sophomore Matt Davies discuss whether they should have "Peggy" be the lead in the musical, "Pretty Lady." "Pretty Lady," was the production the actors put on in **42nd Street**. PHOTO BY JOSH CHEEK

what's [in?]

Students found styles that fit them best, kept up with ever changing fashion trends.

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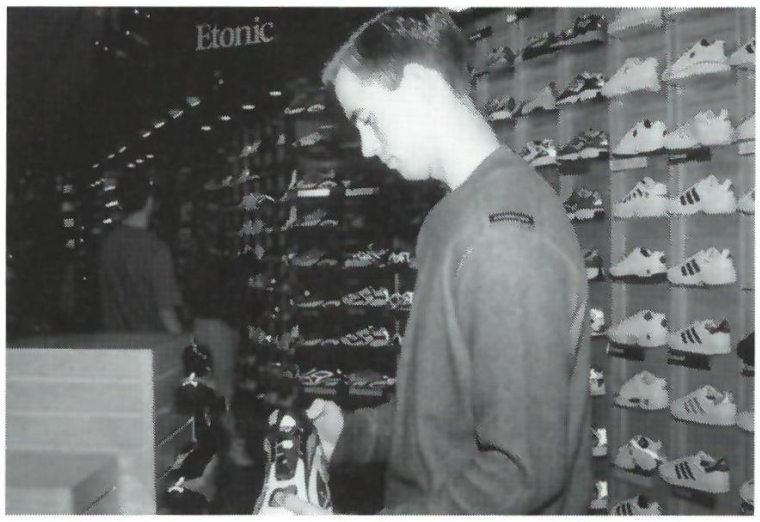

Senior Adam Mohr checks out sneakers at Finish Line. He often looked for shoes that offered the most comfort at a reasonable price. Abercrombie and Fitch was one of his favorite places to shop.

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Junior Regina O'Rear gazes up at the hair accessories at After thoughts. Hair accessories seemed to complete an outfit for girls and were always fun to buy in many colors. Regina often bought little trinkets and clips to put in her hair rather than just a plain old pony tail holder to keep her hair out of her face. Many girls did not like their hair in their face and used clips to hold it back.

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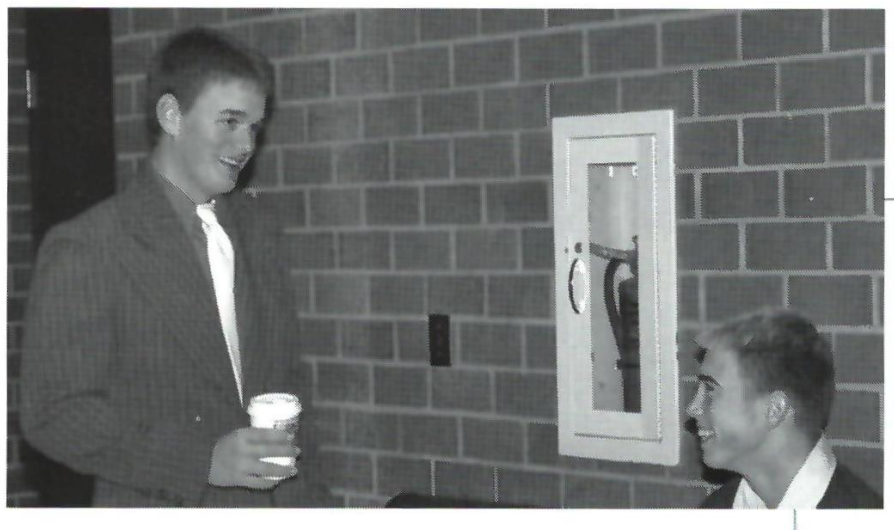

Juniors Mike Hinckley and Spencer Bartlett discuss his outfit over some cappuccino. Hinkley wore a suit to school to promote the opening night of the *42nd Street* play. He played a gangster and a doctor in the school musical.

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Looking at a winter coat at the Gap is junior Ashley Clines. She liked coats that were in style, but also kept her warm. Department stores were a great place for students to look for clothing that was fashionable, cheap, and good quality.

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Turn it UP

Lyric Brief

"I like girls that wear Abercrombie and Fitch, I'd take her if I had one wish."

-LFO

Ashley 11 Rohrig

"I can't live without my Doc Martens shoes, because they are the most comfortable shoes, and they are my favorite."

Brier 12 Jirka

What is the one fashion item you cannot live without?

"I can't live without my Nike running shoes because they bring out my personality and bring me good luck."

Allison Balcetis 12

"A razor because it keeps your legs nice and smooth. Smooth legs are definitely fashionable."

trend Watch

Jean jackets, making a come back from the early 90's, were often worn throughout the halls. Students found them to be a universal clothing item. These jackets could be found at a variety of department stores ranging from $40-$70.

Scoping the racks for sales is freshman Jamie Bradshaw. An item had to be at least 30% off in order for Bradshaw to even consider buying it. PHOTO BY ASHLEY ROSENBOOM

1. Sophomore Peter Chang shows off his sea shell necklace. Guys were often found sporting more jewelry than in the past. PHOTO BY ASHLEY ROSENBOOM

2. Senior Linsey Armbrust talks about the latest trends. Her favorite trends included jean jackets, big hoop earrings, and capri pants. PHOTO BY ASHLEY ROSENBOOM

3. Seniors Megan Schmolke and Bryant Moran discuss fashion trends during foods class. Denim made a comeback and was popular to wear among students. PHOTO BY ASHLEY ROSENBOOM

Hear This 1990

Not only did the girls gymnastics team finish with a flawless record of 9-0, but also, the team won state for the first time, achieving a school record of 147.5 points.

As a new club this year, the chess team took third at Metros and was first in their division. The club was advised by Bob Yakus.

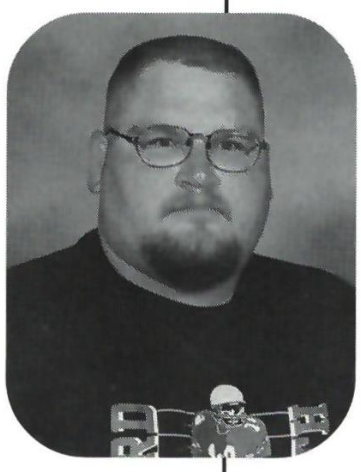
Senior Lisa Phelan devotes her time to the NHS "Brush-Up Nebraska Paint-A-Thon". NHS spent two days this summer fixing up an elderly woman's house. PHOTO BY ASHLEY ROSENBOOM

[need some help?]

Students gave time to those less fortunate in the community.

METHODIST

Students volunteered at hospitals in Omaha. Duties for volunteens included clerical work, helping in the gift shop, and delivering flowers. "Volunteering was a learning experience; I have learned a lot, " senior Sarah Johnson said. PHOTO BY ASHLEY ROSENBOOM



Lance Ott

Misty Dryden

In addition to school stress and busy schedules, many students volunteered their time to many organizations that needed help. With the strain of class requirements in mind, motives for lending a hand were all different.

The club VIA was created to promote community service.

"There are about 50 kids in VIA. Most of the students are there for the good of the community. Some are there because their friends are in the group. They aren't so concerned with looking good on college applications," teacher **Lance Ott** said.

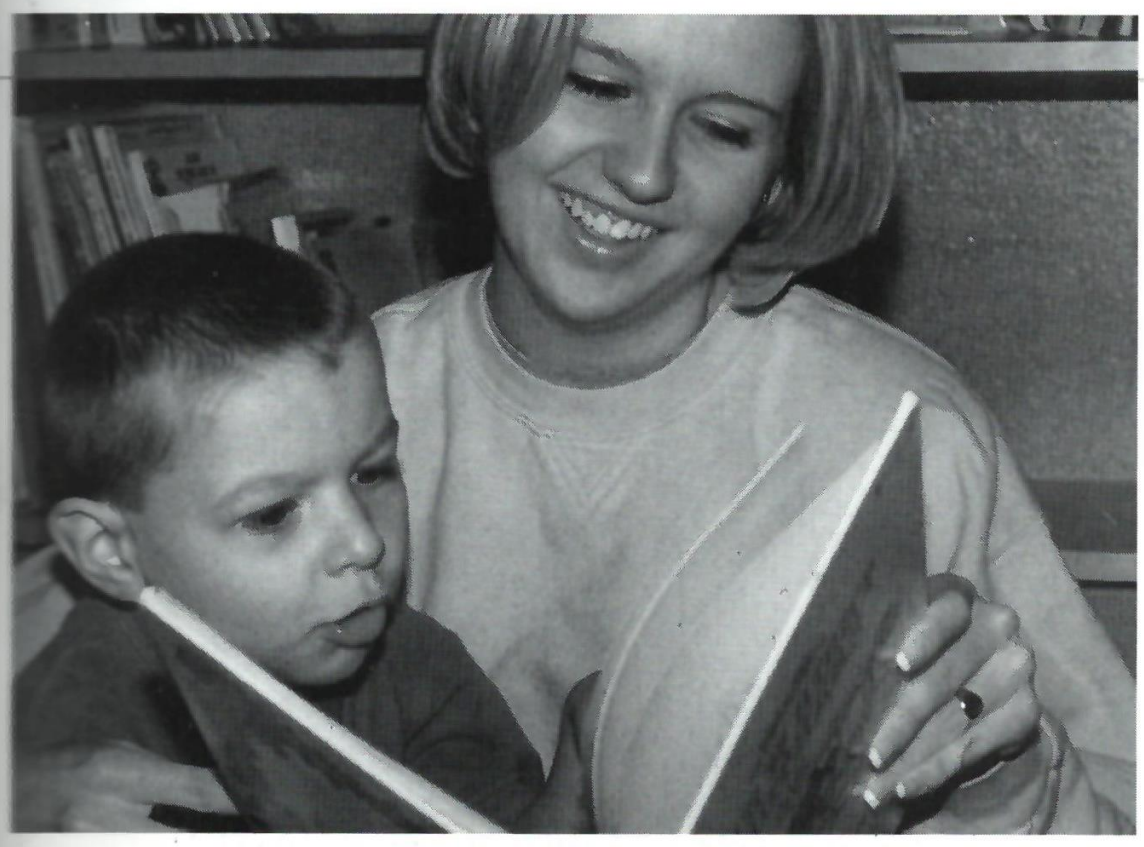
VIA gave students a chance to share their services with the community. Sometimes it took some motivation from parents.

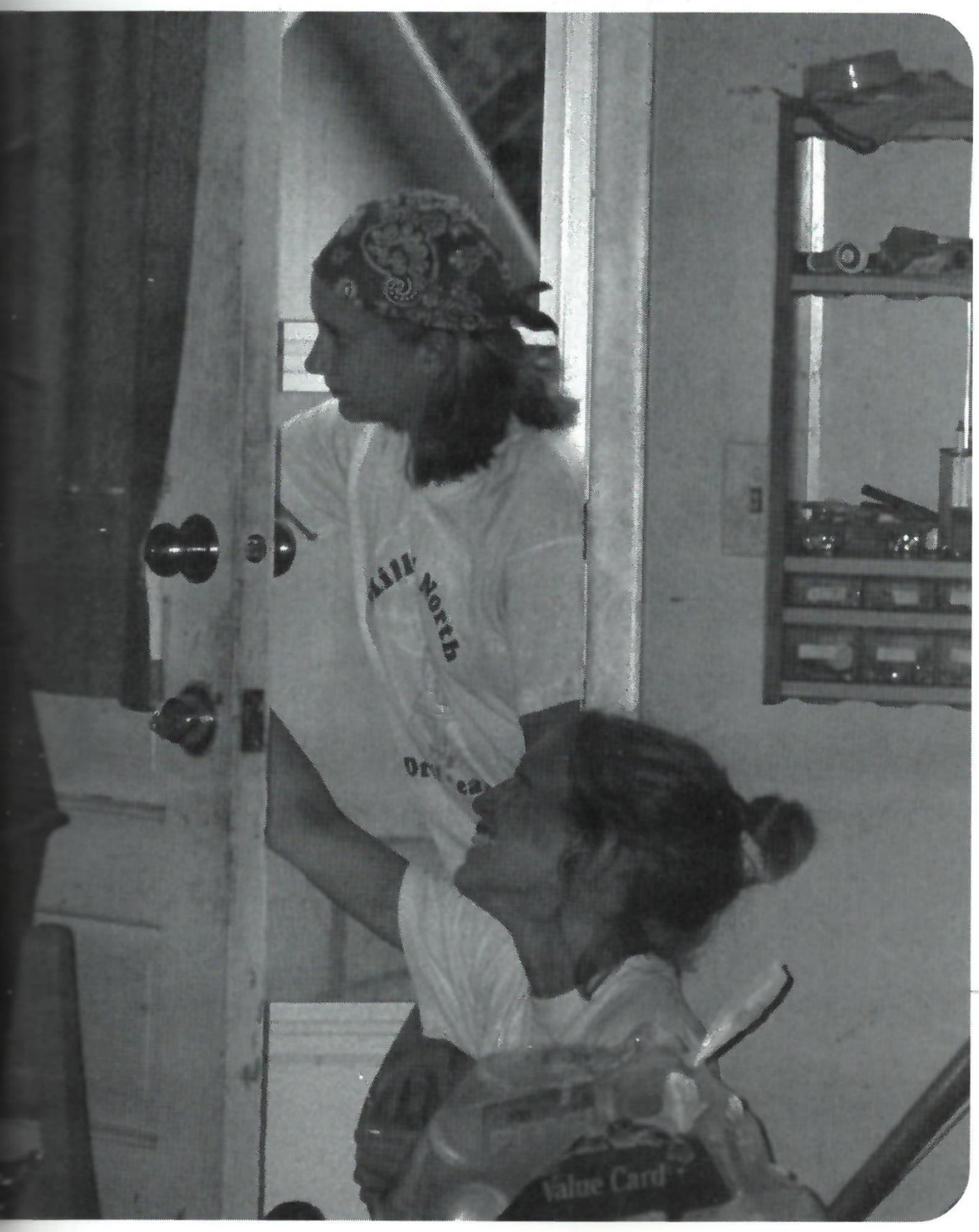
"My parents made me go do Meals On Wheels with them; after awhile I liked going. The people that we brought food to stopped caring about their dinner and just wanted someone to talk to," senior **Misty Dryden** said.

Hospitals and local elementary schools were among some of the popular places to help out, but no matter where students volunteered, their time went toward the good of the communitiy.

pages by Lindsey Parkyns

Spending time helping children learn to read is junior Jenny Peterson. Peterson said she attended a day care weekly for the sake of self fulfillment. PHOTO BY ASHLEY ROSENBOOM





Listen

Top volunteer spots for students

- Humane Society
- Habitat for Humanity
- Make-A-Wish Foundation
- Honey Sundays
- marathon walks
- the Lydia House
- hospitals
- public library
- Special Olympics
- local elementary schools

reality

- Senior Kate Mytty plays with a dog at the Nebraska Humane Society. Her jobs included washing and walking different dogs. Going with friends like senior Christie Colman helped motivate her to volunteer.

PHOTO BY ASHLEY ROSENBOOM

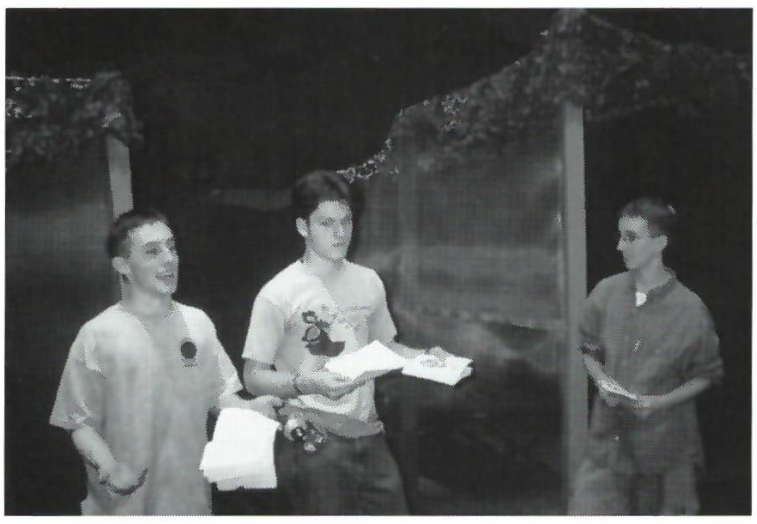
Seniors Rona Vergo and Cassie Johnson paint the inside of a house in north Omaha for "Brush-Up Nebraska." Other NHS activities included Honey Sunday and homework help for Cody Elementary students. PHOTO BY ASHLEY ROSENBOOM

brave [act]

Dedication and hard work made MASH a smash.

pages by Meghan Brozanic

Senior Jenny Kriens and Junior Sarah Robinson discuss accepting Ho John to college in America in MASH. Performing in MASH was Kriens' first winter play experience, and even though it was a fulfilling experience, it was also, "very, very stressful . The entire month of January was madness for me." Despite the grueling schedule of putting on the play, Kriens enjoyed hanging out with the cast, especially Girls Night Out, which provided a good bonding experience for the Girls of MASH PHOTO BY AMY SCHMIDT



Hawkeye Pierce, (senior Tony Werner), and Duke Forrest, (junior David Brodhead) play the rebellious doctors in the squadron. This was Werner's fourth year participating in the winter play.

PHOTO BY JEFF WATTENHOEFER

The girls of MASH were a very close knit group, as seniors Kelli Ohrt, Angela Selzle, Megan Smigelsky, and juniors Kristen Parrish and Sara Schweird demonstrate. The Girls of MASH made their own t-shirts and had a sleepover which resulted in many memorable moments.

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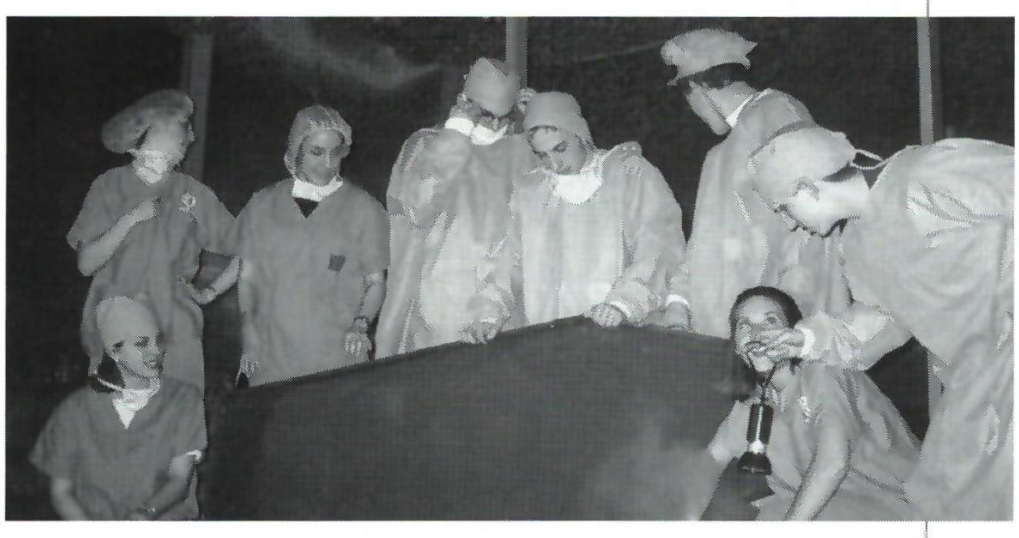


The doctors of MASH attempt to scare Walt, the dentist (senior Jon Sours) into not committing suicide. Senior Megan Smigelsky, who played one of the doctors, said that during January, sleep was a "luxury, not a neccessity"

PHOTO BY KELLIE OHRT

Turn it UP

Lyric Brief

"I'm a survivor, I'm gonna make it, I'm not gonna stop, I gonna work harder."

-Destiny's Child

Allison 12 Balcetis

"I most remember the cast parties, especially when Lucille made an appearance. Man, that girl can party!"

Amy 12 Schmidt

What was the most memorable moment from MASH?

"Girls Night Out was definitely the most memorable moment for me. We had a total blast and bonded ."

Kelli Ohrt 12

"The most memorable moment was when the curtain first opened on opening night. I was nervous, scared, and excited, all at the same time."

trend watch

The Winter Play had many traditions, most of which were secret to only the cast and crew. However, one tradition was a cast dinner at Valentino's, where the cast and crew reminisce over a job well done.

The men of MASH; seniors Jon Sours, Tony Werner, and Jeff Wattenhoefer, junior David Brodhead, and sophomores Matt Davies and Joe Sezle play cards to pass the time. PHOTO BY JEFF WATTENHOEFER

1. Sophomore Joe Sezle puts his head to the ground in attempt to hear a conversation. Seniors Jeff Wattenhoefer and Jon Sours and sophomore Matt Davies look on in with interest. photo by Jeff Wattenhoefer

2. Senior Kelli Ohrt and junior Kristen Parrish discuss the hardships of being a woman in a squadron filled with mostly men. In MASH, many of the women were treated unfairly. photo by Amy Schmidt

3. Senior Eric Grant-Leanna (Colonel Blake) yells at junior David Brodhead (Duke Forrest). The Captain always made sure that he appeared to be the one in charge, even while Hawkeye seemed to dominate he proceedings photo by Jeff Wattenhoefer

Hear this 1992

The Flag Team not only placed first at the Nebraska Applejack contest, but placed second in the River City Roundup. This was their fifth year in a row for placing second in R.C.R.

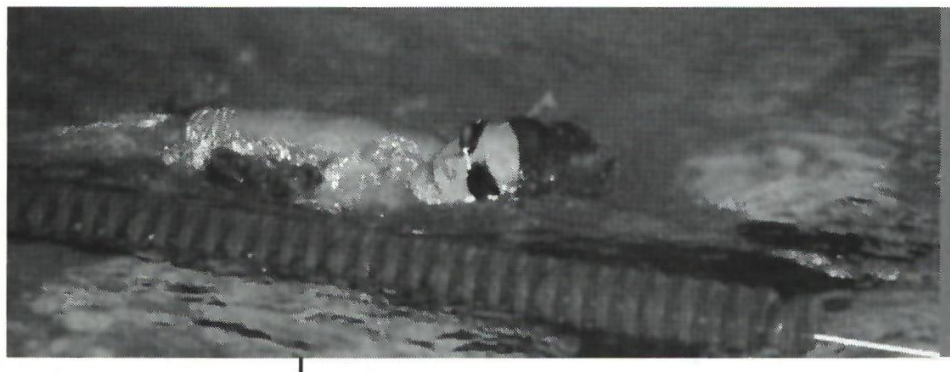
Hear This 1993

It took a two game battle with Omaha Gross before th varsity softball team could claim Nebraska's first state sanctioned title Oct. 23 at Seymour Smith Stadium.

Junior Justin Parker and sophomore Mike Danaher jog on the trail surrounding the school. Running was a great way to burn calories and enjoy the outdoors. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

[get physical]

Students found new ways to get fit in the new Millennium.



Swimming was a common excercise for students to be in good shape. After her classes, sophomore Leslie Piaskowski took advantage of open swim at school to prepare herself during pre-season.
PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

Katie Dischler

Allie Muench

At the turn of the century, new fitness trends started popping up across the U.S. Having supertoned bodies was an obsession among teens, so they turned to exercise to reach that goal.

"I'm on dance team and I do sit-ups at practice to condition and do well for my team. I like being fit because I feel healthier," junior **Katie Dischler** said.

Not only was exercising beneficial for teens, but so was the enjoyment that went along with getting fit.

"My favorite kind of exercise is running. I run everyday for cross country and it's a blast! I love being with my friends there (at cross country), and at the same time I get to be a better runner," sophomore **Allie Muench** said.

Tae-Bo was another hit trend in the new Millennium. It was a thirty minute workout that made a person's heart rate go faster and calories burn more quickly.

"Tae-bo is so much fun! I love doing it when I'm in a bad mood because it gets me pumped up," Muench said.

No matter what kind of fitness students used, maintaining good health was always the goal to achieve.

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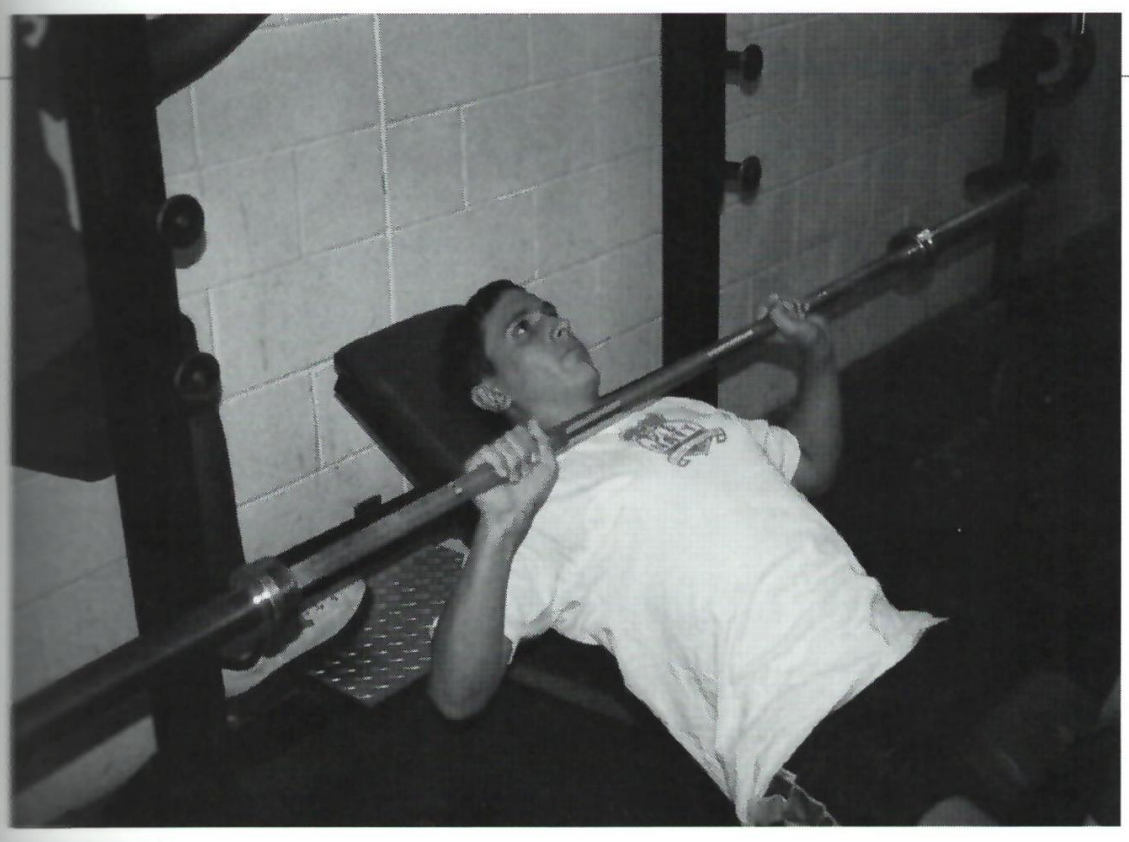
Junior Scott Lewis maxes out on the incline bench press. Lewis along with other guys spent time in the weight room to look good for the ladies. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN



Listen

Top fitness activities for teens

- Tae-Bo
- sports
- aerobics
- running
- weight lifting
- swimming
- rollerblading
- bicycling
- dance
- gymnastics

reality

- Tae-Bo has taken over the nation with its new techniques of getting fit. Senior Jill Porter, junior Ashley Dokken and sophomore Jenny Hoefener take time out of drill team practice to do Tae-bo.

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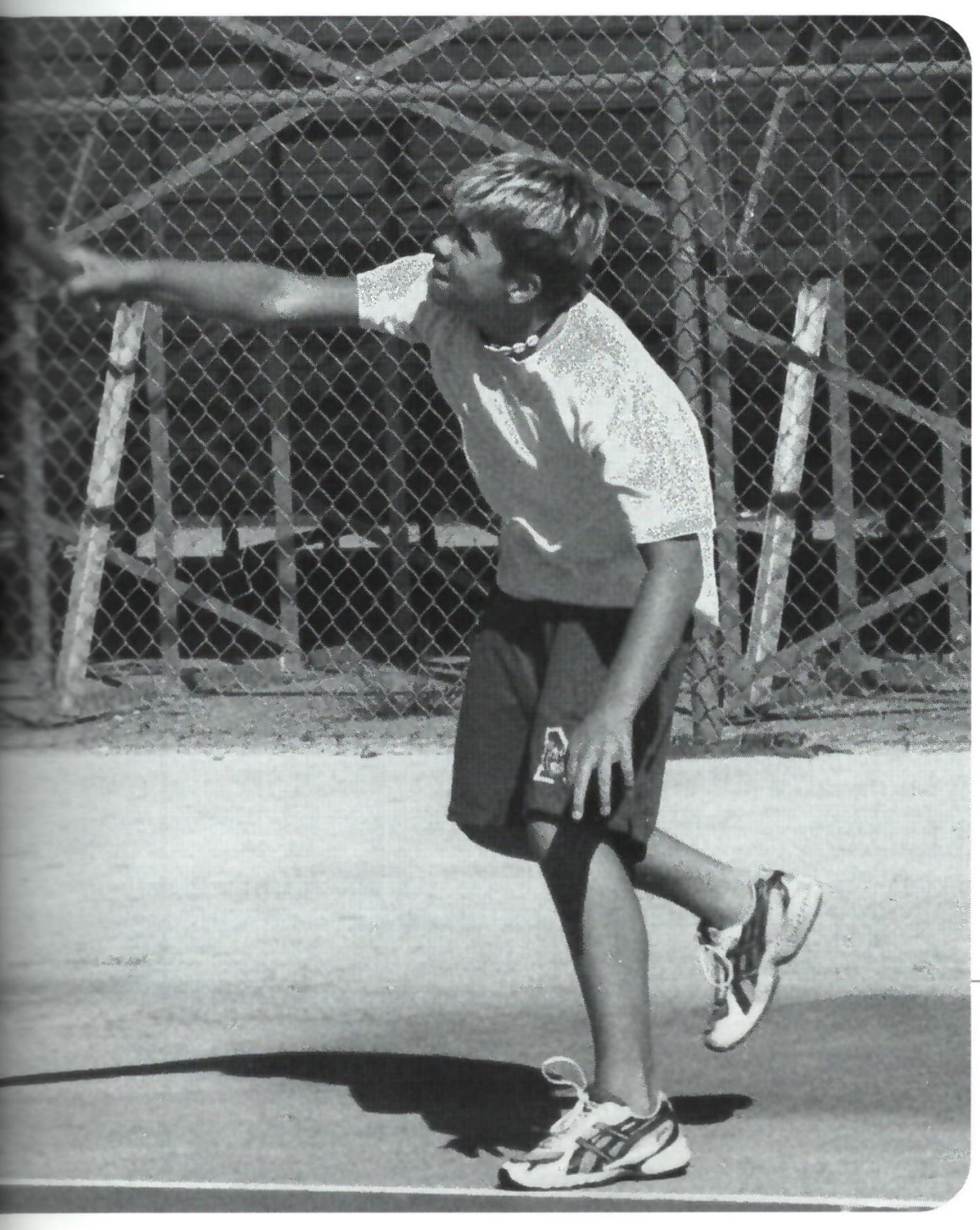

Freshman Brian Ford plays leisure tennis during gym class. Many students found that exercising was a good way to relieve stress and pressures of being a teenager. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

hang [out]

Omaha provided a variety of places for students to hang out and have a good time.

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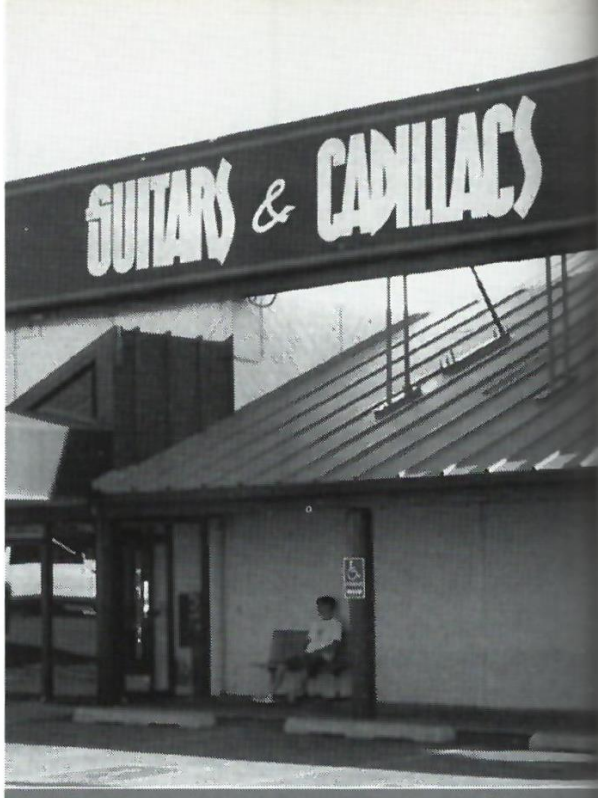
Mystery Manor was one of many haunted houses open for business during the Halloween season. Students never grew too old for this cheap thrill and many spent weekends going from house to house. Average admission price was $8 a person. PHOTO BY AMY SCHROEDER



Relaxing on a bench in front of Guitars and Cadillacs is senior Jason Lozier. Guitars was a hot spot for teens to socialize and dance to the newest tunes. Students could dance in a variety of ways with the different music types. On Sundays, the club was open for ages 18 and under with no alcoholic beverages served. On Thursdays, Guitars was only available for young adults 18 to 21, so underclassmen weren't allowed to visit on those days. PHOTO BY NATE MARQUISS

Senior Kent Lane gets in his car after a trip to Barnes and Noble. Many teens spent time there to have a quiet place to have a cup of java and join a study group. Some just went to catch up on the latest books and magazines on the shelves.
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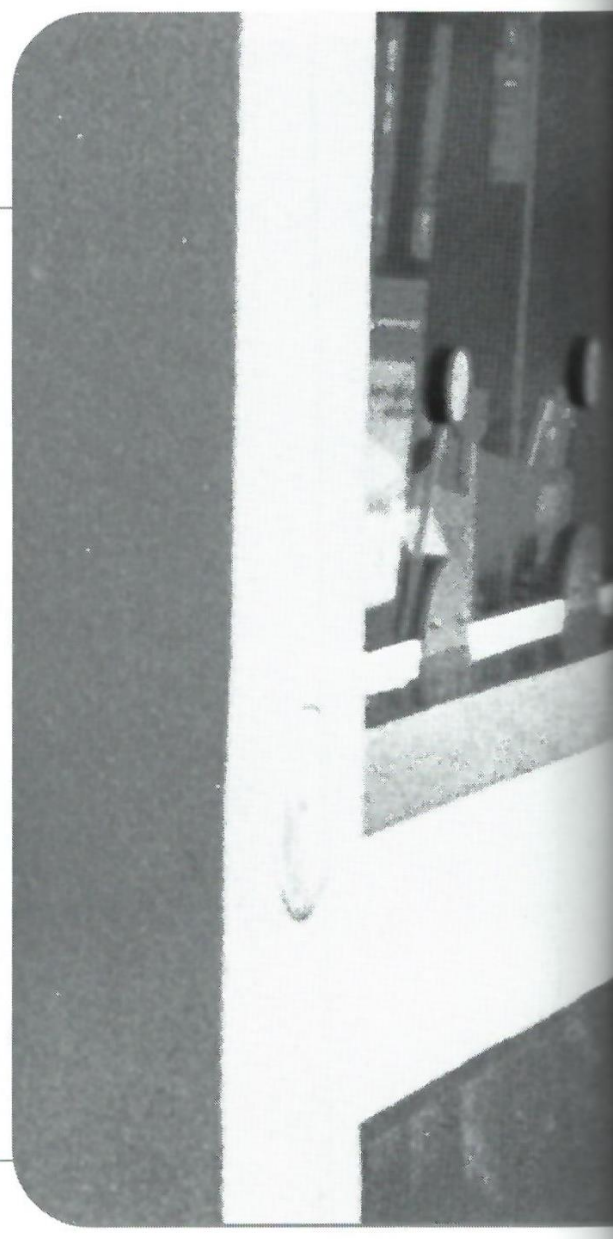


Junior Mackenzie Denich devours her ice cream cone. Ted and Wally's was a fun place in the Old Market for students to eat their favorite ice cream flavor. Cinnamon was the most common flavor ordered.
PHOTO BY ASHLEY ROSENBOOM

Turn it UP

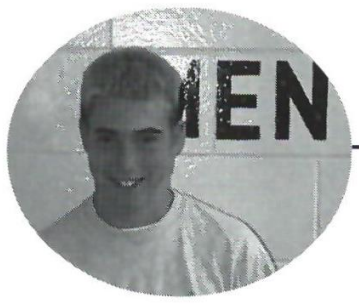
Lyric Brief

"This is our world, me and my girls.
You can catch me at the hot spot"

-Foxy Brown

Joanna 10 Liu

"My favorite place to hang out is the movie theater because I get the chance to see my friends from other high schools, that I don't normally get to see."



Spencer 11 Bartlett

Where is your favorite place to hang out?

Chris Moreno 9

"I love going to friends' houses, especially Peter Shannon's house because his basement is awesome. We play extreme ping pong, Play Station, pool, and go swimming."

"I like to stay at my house because it has everything I need. I also enjoy the atmosphere . When I have friends over, we can chill, and play the guitar and stuff."

trend watch

There was a big boom in ear fashion during the year. Big silver hoop earrings could be seen dangling from girls' ears. This trend was brought back from the 70s, 80s, and early 90s. Students adapted this new trend from each other and Hollywood.

Senior Kent Lane reads the movie list and tries to decide what movie he wants to see. AMC was a popular theater, because of the love seat seating and stadium format. PHOTO BY NATE MARQUISS

1. Seniors Donald Engstrom, Ryan Lampert, and Cassie Johnson wait to place their orders at Burger King. Seniors with open campus liked to go there during their lunch break. PHOTO BY NATE MARQUISS.

2. Lampert leisurely eats at Arby's. He liked to eat at a variety of different places each week. PHOTO BY NATE MARQUISS

3. Engstrom and Lampert decide what kind of food they want today. They said their favorite order at Burger King was the chicken tender combo. PHOTO BY NATE MARQUISS

For the first time in MN's history, both the newspaper and the yearbook won Cornhustker state awards. This is the highest award given in the state journalism competition.

Hear 1994 THIS

Millard West opened this year, leaving Millard North with over 1900 students, 50 more than expected, but 400 less than the year before.

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Money largely influenced the lives of students

Junior David Janis folds clothes at American Eagle Outfitters. He applied there because he needed the money, and he loved the clothes. As an employee, he received a 50% discount off of all his clothes. PHOTO BY ASHLEY ROSENBOOM

Senior Josh Cheek stops by the pop machine during a passing period. He usually spent about three dollars a day on the pop and vending machines. PHOTO BY NATE MARQUISS

Ashley Renshaw

Chelsea Mantz

Money! It was a common problem among many students, and the topic of conversation whenever the weekends rolled around. There never seemed to be enough to go around.

"I don't ever have much money, but the money I do get, I spend on clothes and put it in my savings account for later," junior **Ashley Renshaw** said.

Others took-up jobs to get a little extra cash, but for junior **Chelsea Mantz** it wasn't enough. She worked at Orange Julius over the summer and Children's Corner during the school year, but she still found herself with empty pockets.

"I just hate it when you want to go out on the weekends to a movie or go shopping for new clothes, but you can't because you don't have any money. So, then you can't really do much," Mantz said.

Students' busy social lives came to a halt when they reached in their pocket for some cash, but found nothing but lint. Many were forced to change their everyday lives to conform to this problem. Instead of eating out at Champ's they drove through Taco Bell. Instead of going to the movies, they found ways to entertain themselves free of charge at a friend's house.

pages by Ashley Rohrig

Seniors Brandon Gleed and Seth Pfaltzgraff amaze themselves at the money they have in their pockets. Pfaltzgraff spent his extra money on gifts and dates with his girlfriend. PHOTO BY NATE MARQUISS

Listen

Top ways to spend hard earned money

- food
- clothes
- electronics
- car
- music/CD's
- computer and accessories
- trips/vacations
- saving for college
- presents
- entertainment

reality

- Students had all different ways to get their money. Many got jobs and some just mooched off of their parents. No matter what they had to do to get it, they were willing to if the need was important enough.

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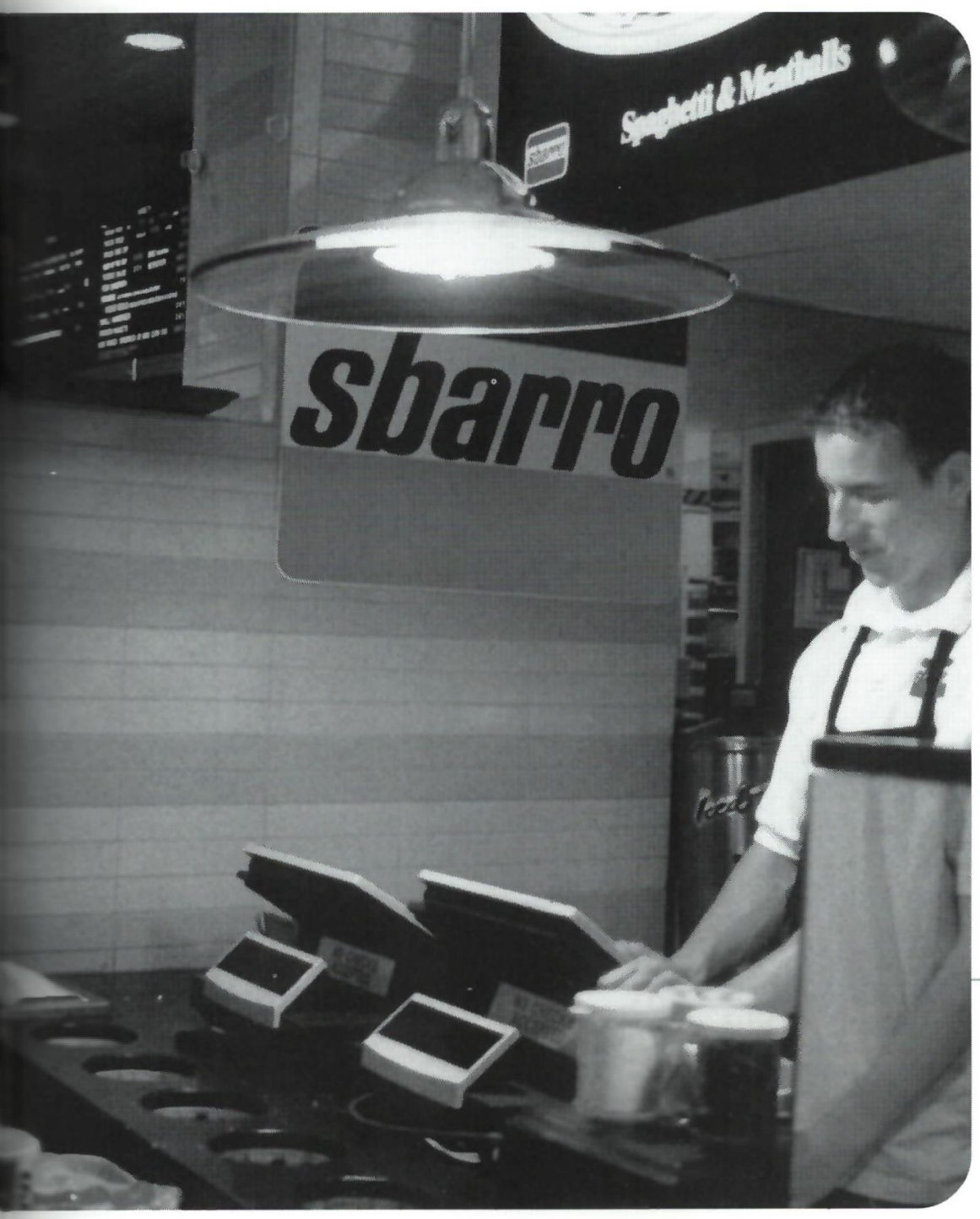
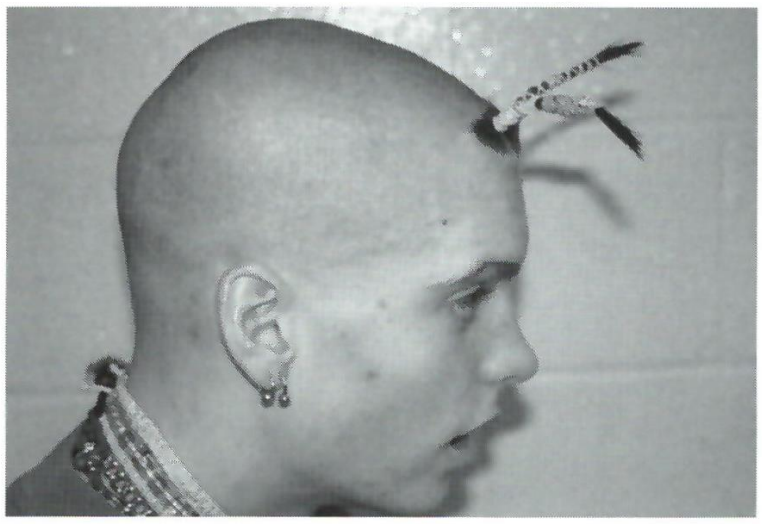


Junior Evan Morse buys pizza at Sbarro from junior AJ Daly. Jobs at Oakview mall were a popular choice of employment. PHOTO BY ASHLEY ROSENBOOM

hair [style]

Students spot upcoming popular hair trends.

pages Cindy Gottschalck



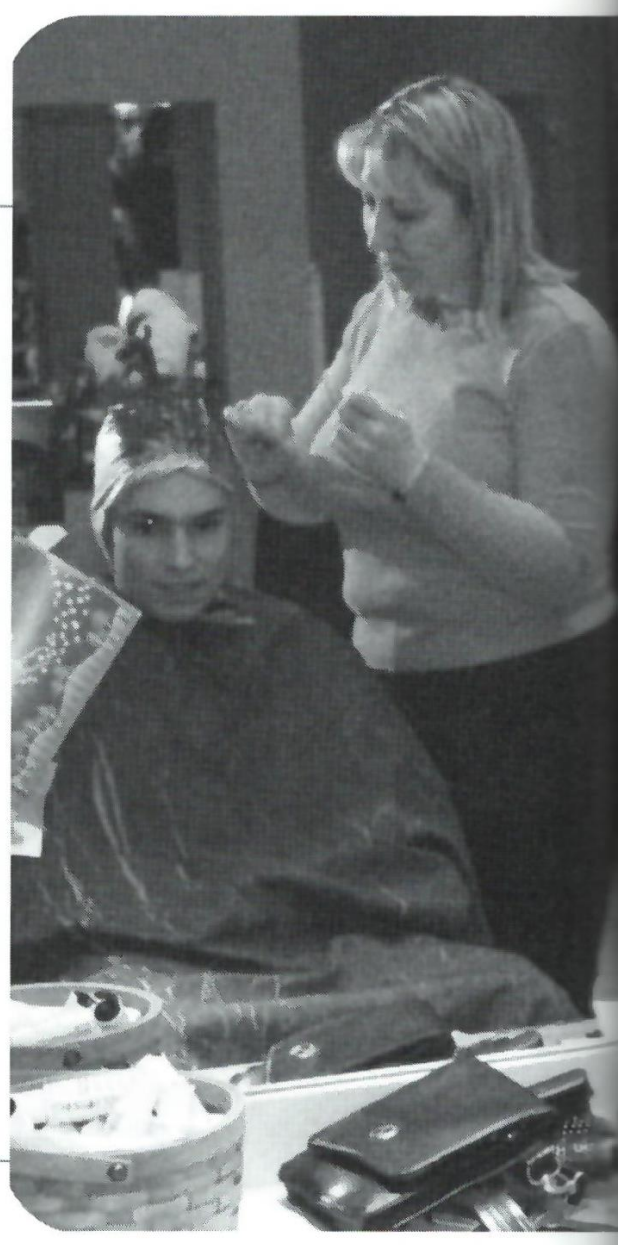
Sophomore Cory Barnes shows how quickly he can create a specialty look by pulling hair into rubber bands. Cory shaved his head to be different and to express his individuality.

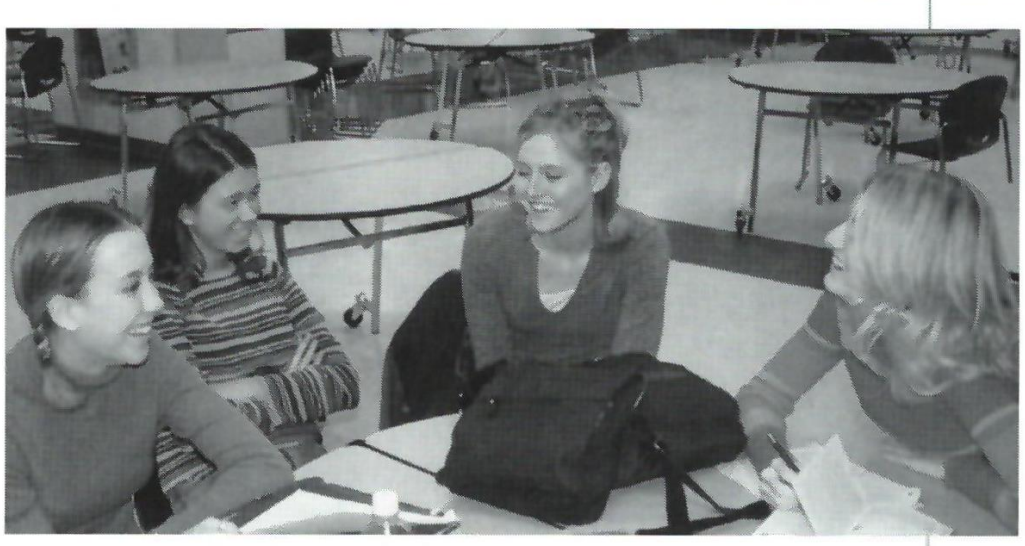
PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

Junior Gregg Kimbrough studies in Spanish class. Gregg's hair often caused people to ask questons like, "When are you getting your hair cut?" Gregg became used to the attention his hair got, and learned that individuality makes a person who they are. Gregg went longer than five months without cutting his hair. People often touched Gregg's hair because, "It's soft I guess," Kimbrough said.

PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

Purchasing food in the snack shop are sophomores Rayna Frazier and Ashley Parker. Hair styles often took the "uplift" look to the softer "over the shoulder" look. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN





Seniors Amy Stading, Jill Robeson, Jenny Janis, and Becky Weigel study together in the cafeteria. They demonstrated hair styles that range from the braided look that could be found atop the head or sides. Also popular was shoulder length hair.

PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

Turn it UP

Lyric Brief

Now your bangs are curled...Wipe off that angel face and go back to high school

-Frankie Avalon

Rachel Moore
11

"I asked the lady not to cut my hair shorter than my chin. Afterwards she had cut it practically to my ears. It was prettty short, and I really disliked it."

Kate Koerten
11

What's your most interesting, hair-raising tale?

McKenzie McGill
11

"Last year I dyed my hair orange. It was disgusting and was the color of a tangerine...pure orange! It took about two weeks for it to wear off."

"Looking back on the way I wore my hair during grade school is a horror story in itself. When I look back at the pictures of my hair, I always wonder what I was thinking at the time."

trend watch

Curly bouncy hair with volume became more stylish for girls. Girls with straight hair often put hair products in to make their hair curl. Those with natural curly hair lucked out and often didn't have to style their hair in the morning which made the morning routine simpler.

Junior Zach Rabold gets his hair highlighted at Garbo's hair salon. Both guys and girls usually went to salons for hair-dyeing jobs to ensure the best quality. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

1. Junior Cora Schulte models her spiral curl look. To get a flexible effect, many students used hot irons and other hair devices so they could go curly or straight. photo by Michael Hellman

2. Junior Frank Barton joins other guys who wanted to let their hair grow out. This became a common trend; however, Barton cut his hair mid-year. photo by Michael Hellman

3. Sophomores Molly Meyerink, Smita Anechan, and Taria Abram test the ionic solutions in chemistry. Each shows her own unique hair style. photo by Michael Hellman

Hear This 1996

On March 21, the whole school experienced a blackout. It caused students to miss some of their fourth and fifth hour classes, leaving many students to eat lunch in the dark.

Hear This 1997

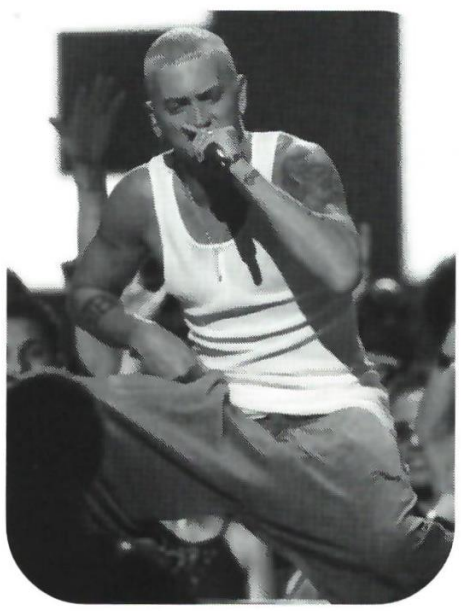
On Feb. 5, seniors Kori Dahlkoetter, Eric Crouch, Erica Glaser, Eric Hammer, and Kelly Lindsey all signed to play NCAA division 1-A athletics; becoming the most highly recruited class in MN's history.

reality [music

by Megan Claus

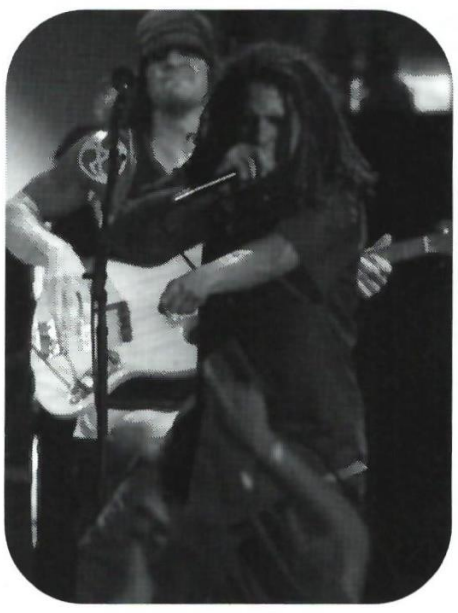
Parental advisory: albums contain explicit lyrics.

Jennifer Lopez poses with her Best Dance Video award for her song "Waiting For Tonight" at the 2000 MTV Video Music Awards Sept. 7, at the Radio City Music Hall in New York. Lopez released a new album, **J.Lo** in January 2001.



Rap artist Eminem performs at the 2000 MTV Video Music Awards. He received much heat for his album, "The Marshall Mathers LP," because of its explicit lyrics and appeal to the younger generation.

Rock group 'Rage Against The Machine' performs at the MTV Video Music Awards. On Dec. 5, they released the album "Renegades," which includes various hip-hop, rock and funk songs.



Turn it UP Quote Brief

"I can't parent every kid in the country. Just like parents cannot prevent their kids from seeing adult films, they can't prevent them from hearing my music."

-Eminem
June 12, 2000 interview

Columbian star Shakira performs during the first annual Latin Grammy Awards in Los Angeles, Sept. 13. Shakira won for best female pop vocal performance and best female rock vocal performance.

student polls

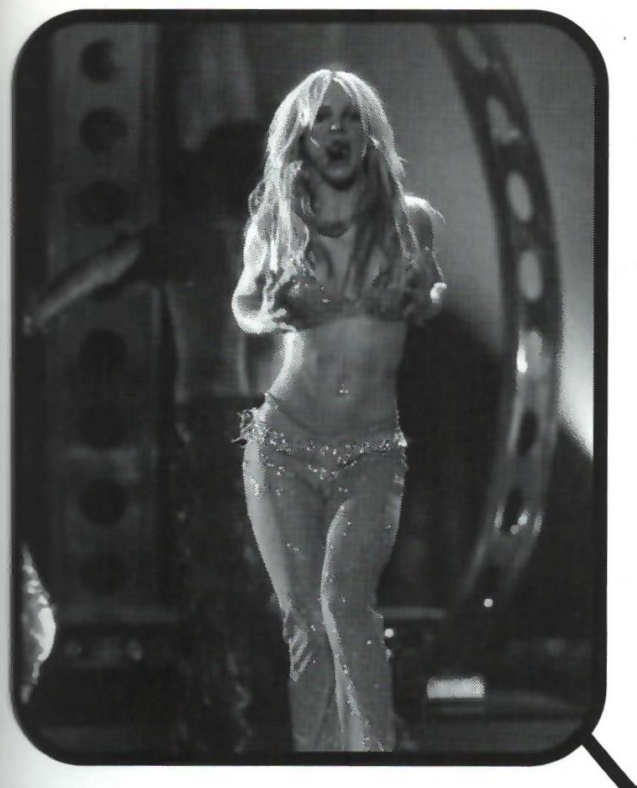
based on 133 votes

fav music group

- Dave Matthews Band
- Limp Bizkit
- Creed

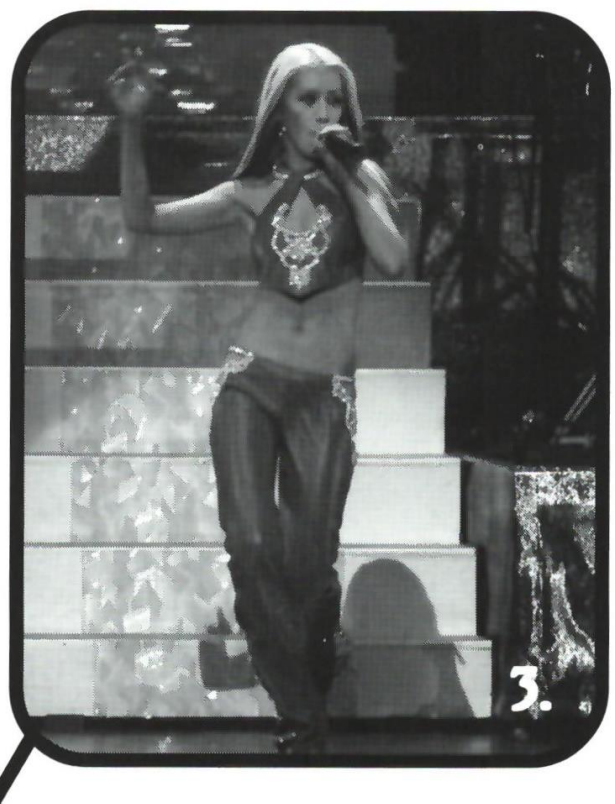
fav radio station

- 87.7 The River
- Channel 97.7
- Sweet 98.5



1. Singer Britney Spears performs "Oops!...I did it again" at the MTV Video Music Awards at Radio City. Though Spears failed to win any awards, her performance received much attention because of her provocative performance.

2. Rock star Fred Durst of Limp Bizkit arrives at the 2000 MTV Video Music Awards on Sept 7. "Chocolate Starfish And The Hot Dog Flavored Water," the band's third album, was released in October.



3. Singer Christina Aguilera performs at the MTV Video Music Awards in New York. Aguilera released her first Latin album "Mi Reflejo" in late 2000.

'NSync performs at the 2000 MTV Video Music Awards on September 7, 2000. The group's faces were projected onto video screens as the singers stood behind the screens.

? 'NSync.BSB

- 'NSync [86%]
- Backstreet Boys [14%]

? Britney.Christina

- Britney Spears [60%]
- Christina Aguilera [40%]

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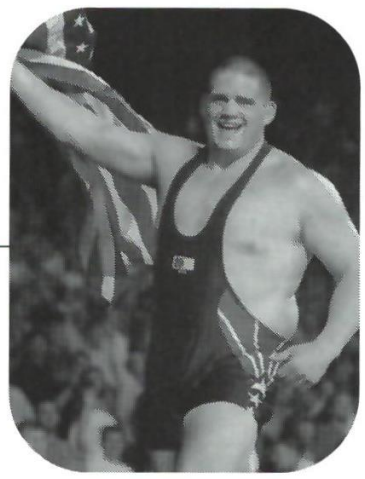
Hear This 1998

On Jan. 15, assistant principal Linda Wyatt was officially named the succesor to principal Ike Pane. Pane was principal at MN from 1982-1998.



reality sports

by Megan Claus

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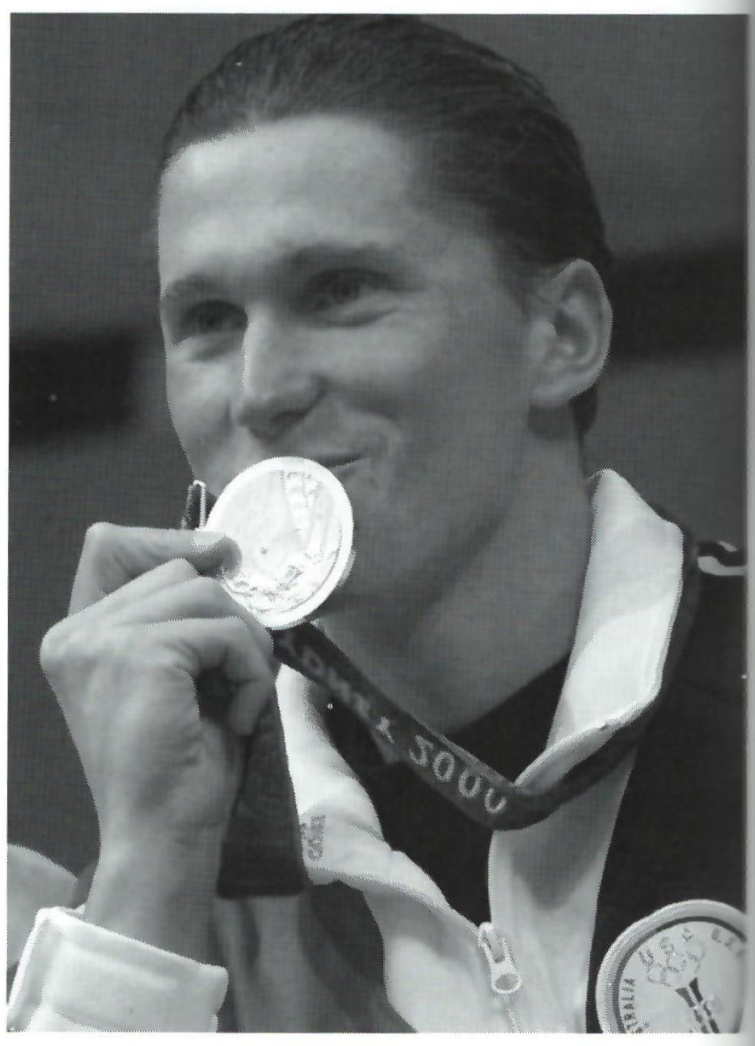
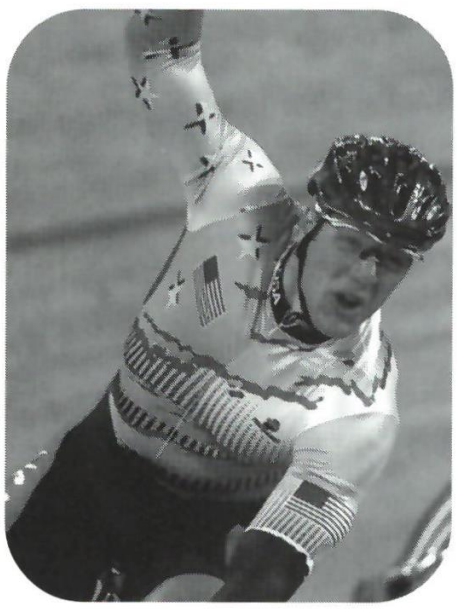
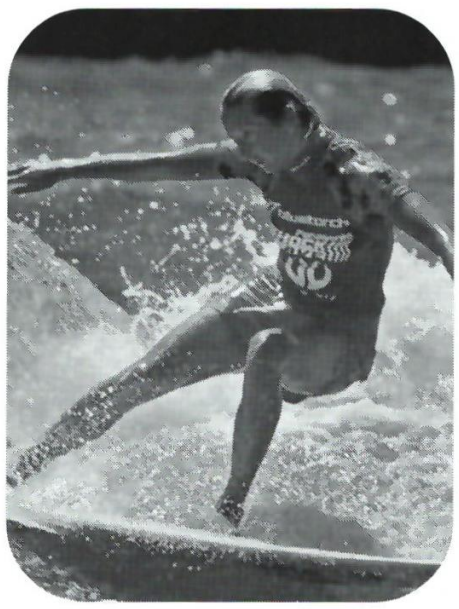


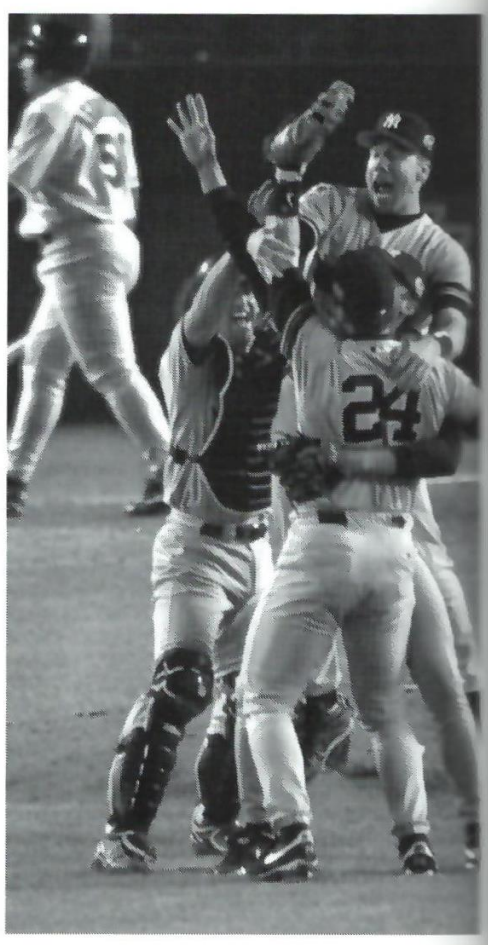
Lenny Krayzelburg of the United States, kisses the gold medal he won in the 100m backstroke at the Summer Olympics in the International Aquatic Center in Sydney. As a world record holder in this event, he had been strongly favored to win the gold.



U.S.A's Marty Nothstein reacts as he defeats France's Florian Rousseau to win the gold medal in men's sprint at Dunc Gray Velodrome in Sydney. Rousseau won the silver medal.



Layne Beachley of Austrailia makes the best of an average-size wave as she competes in the U.S. Open of Surfing July 26, 2000, at Huntington Beach, CA. Of the 1.5 million active surfers, 15-20 percent were female.



The New York Yankees celebrate after defeating the New York Mets in Game 5 of the World Series 4-2 to become the 2000 World Series Champions, Oct. 26, at New York's Shea Stadium. Mets' Benny Agbayuni (50) walks off the field.

Turn it UP

Quote Brief

"Let the other guy have whatever he wants before the fight. Once the bell rings he's gonna be disappointed anyway."

-George Foreman
Sept. 2000

USA's Rulon Gardner waves the American flag following his gold medal win against three-time Olympic gold medalist, Russian Alexandre Kareline in the Greco-Roman 130 kg final wrestling match at Sydney. It was the biggest upset in the history of the sport.

student polls

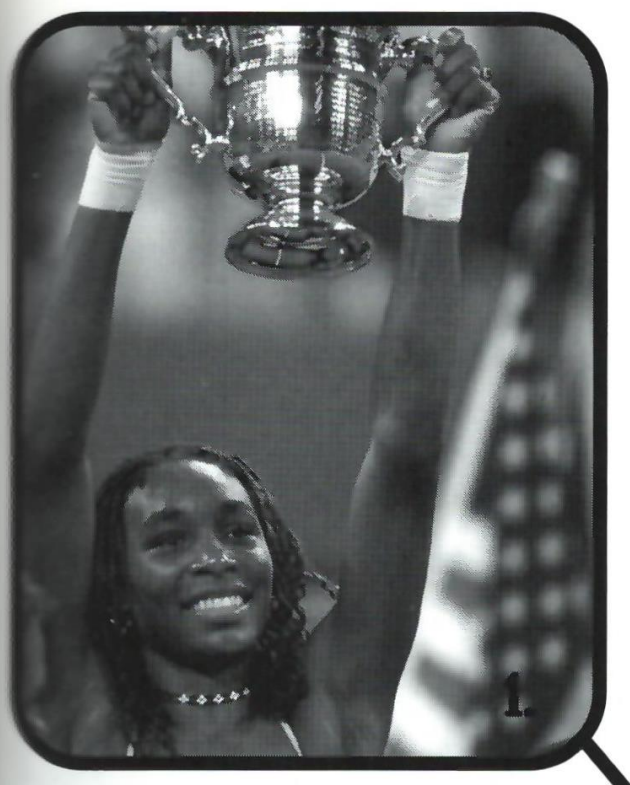
based on 133 votes

fav pro sport

- football
- hockey
- baseball

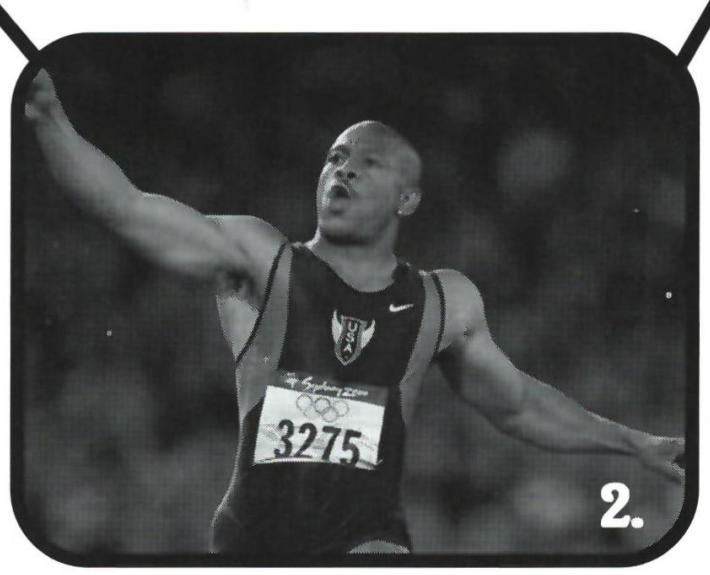
fav college sport

- football
- basketball
- hockey



1. Venus Williams, of the United States, shows off her trophy after defeating Lindsay Davenport in the women's finals at the U.S. Open tennis tournament held Sept. 9, in New York. Williams won 6-4, 7-5.

2. Sprinter Maurice Greene of the United States celebrates as he crosses the finish line to win the gold medal in the 100 meters at the Olympics in Sydney, Australia, on Sept. 23. Jones won with a time of 10.75 seconds.



3. U.S. swimmer Tom Dolan celebrates winning the gold medal in the men's 400m individual medley Sept. 17, at the Sydney International Aquatic Centre. Dolan set a new world record with his time of 4: 1 1:36

Tiger Woods and Jack Nicklaus share a laugh after completing play in the first round of the PGA Championship, , Aug. 17 at the Valhalla Golf Club in Louisville, KY. Woods finished at 6-under 66 and Nicklaus came in a 5-over 77.

U.S. swimmers Anthony Ervin and Gary Hall, Jr. celebrate after they tied for the gold medal in the men's 50m freestyle at the Sydney International Aquatic Center during the Summer Olympics in Sydney.

Sprinter Marion Jones of the U.S celebrates with an American flag after winning the gold meal in the 100m in Sydney. Jones won with a time of 10.75 seconds.

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fav sport to play

- football
- soccer
- basketball

fav olympic event

- gymnastics
- swimming
- track

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Hear This 1999

In light of the Columbine incident, district-wide safety regulations were released. Among one was a mandatory photo ID for all employees including teachers, administrators, custodians, and construction workers within the building.

reality [world

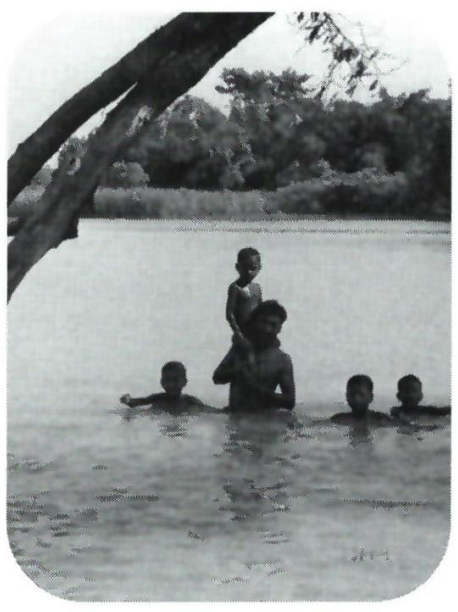
by Megan Claus

Points of worldwide catastrophe and triumph.

The closing ceremony fireworks for the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games erupt over the Sydney Harbor Bridge and Opera House Sunday, Oct. 1.

A firefighter monitors a backburn blaze to make sure it doesn't jump the road near Kennedy Meadows apporximately 50 miles northwest of Ridgecrest, CA, July, 30.

A father and his four children cross flooded fields at Sitamarhi, in the eastern Indian state of Bihar, Aug. 6. Thousands of families were affected by the flood that submerged large areas in six districts of Bihar.



Turn it UP

Quote Brief

"You will be much more likely to see Fidel Castro ride through the hall on the back of a zebra than to see President Clinton mention impeachment or have an apology."

-Dan Rather
Aug. 14, 2000 interview

Police fire tear gas to disperse opposition supporters gathering in front of the Yugoslav federal parliament building Oct. 5, in Belgrade, Yugoslavia. Crowds demonstrated in front of parliament while columns of protesters streamed into the capital for a mass rally.

student polls

based on 133 votes

biggest problem for US & World

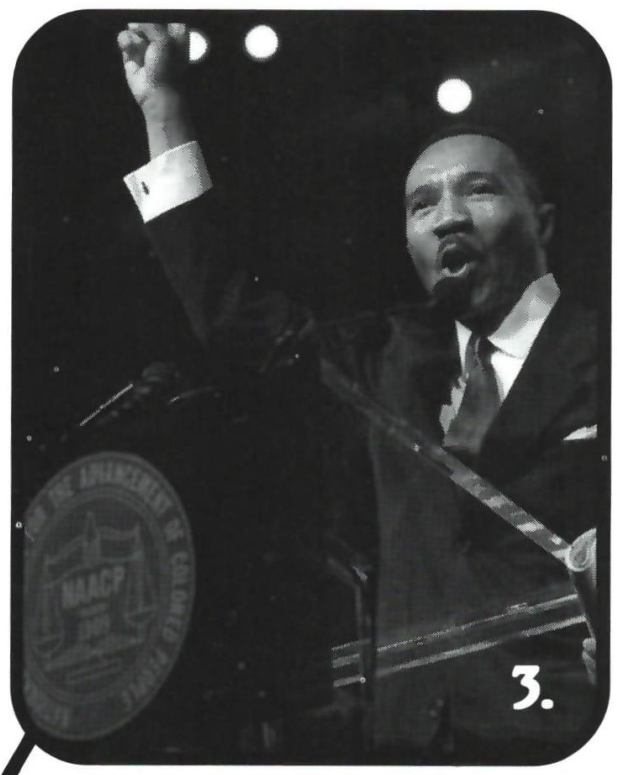
- depletion of resources
- over population
- pollution

? bush.gore

- George W. Bush [72%]
- Al Gore [28%]

1. Democratic presidential candidate Vice President Al Gore and Sen. Joe Lieberman, announce Lieberman as Gore's running mate on Aug. 8. The closest election in U.S. history was held on Nov. 7, when networks mistakenly pronounced Gore the winner of Florida, and presumably the winner of the election.

2. Republican presidential candidate Texas Gov. George W. Bush and Dick Cheney wave to media cameras after Cheney's arrival at the Governor's Mansion in Austin, TX, July 25. Secretary of State Harris certified Bush's victory at 537 votes on Nov. 26. Gore contested the results, U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of Bush.



3. Kweisi Mfume, president and chief executive officer of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, addresses the NAACP's annual convention in Baltimore, July 10.

This 1999 image taken from video made available Aug. 17, shows the crew of the Kursk nuclear submarine standing in front of their vessel at a Navy base near Vidyayevo, Russia after their first patrol in the Atlantic. Underwater rescue capsules fighting to reach 118 seamen trapped on the Russian submarine failed again Thursday as new evidence suggested a massive explosion shattered large areas of the vessel and many sailors had no time to escape.

On July 26, at Gonesse near Paris, investigators and emergency workers look through the wreckage of the Air France Concorde crash, the catastrophe that killed 113 people. An investigation was underway seeking clues to what caused the supersonic jet to catch fire during takeoff.

most controversial issue

- abortion
- re-count in Florida election
- religion in schools

biggest issue for future generations

- pollution
- over population
- technology

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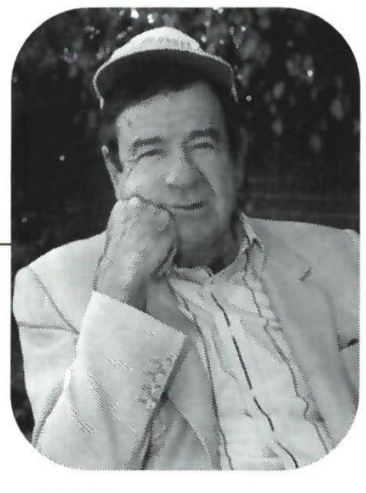
Hear This 2000

By raising over $7000 in pennies, MN won a free concert by Destiny's Child for a contest sponsored by the local radio station, Channel 97.7. The money raised was donated to the Hope Center.

Hear This 2001: turn to page 118!

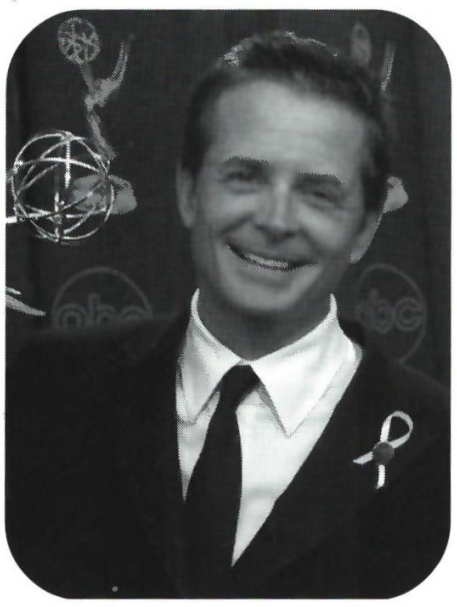


reality [tv

by Megan Claus

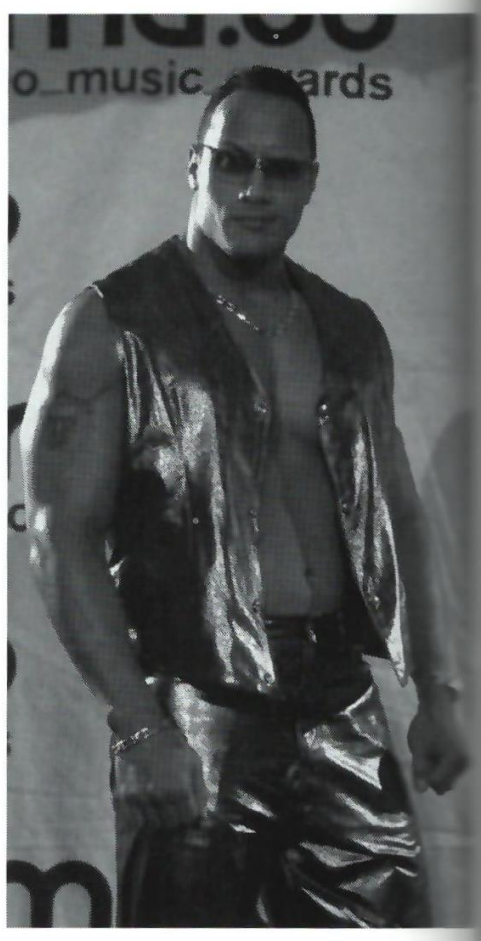
Rated TV- 14: not suitable for a younger audience.

Eric McCormack, Debra Messing, Megan Mullally and Sean Hayes celebrate their awards for their work in "Will & Grace" at the 52nd Annual Primetime Emmy Awards in Los Angeles. The show garnered awards for best comedy series and best supporting actor and actress for Hayes and Mullally.



Actor Michael J. Fox holds his award for outstanding lead actor in a comedy series for his work in "Spin City" at the 52nd Annual Primetime Emmy Awards Sept. 10.

Entertainer Tito Puente arrives for the 42nd Grammy Awards in Los Angeles, Feb. 23. Puente, who rode to fame on the heels of the 1950's mambo craze died June 1 at the age of 77.



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Quote Brief

"In the future, I might like to be a teacher. That's what I would be, were I not an actor."

-Ryan Phillippe

Jan. 11, 2001 interview

In July, actor Walter Matthau was buried in a simple service attended by about 50 family members and close friends at Pierce Brothers Westwood Village Memorial Park, where Marilyn Monroe is buried.

student polls

based on 133 votes

fav actor

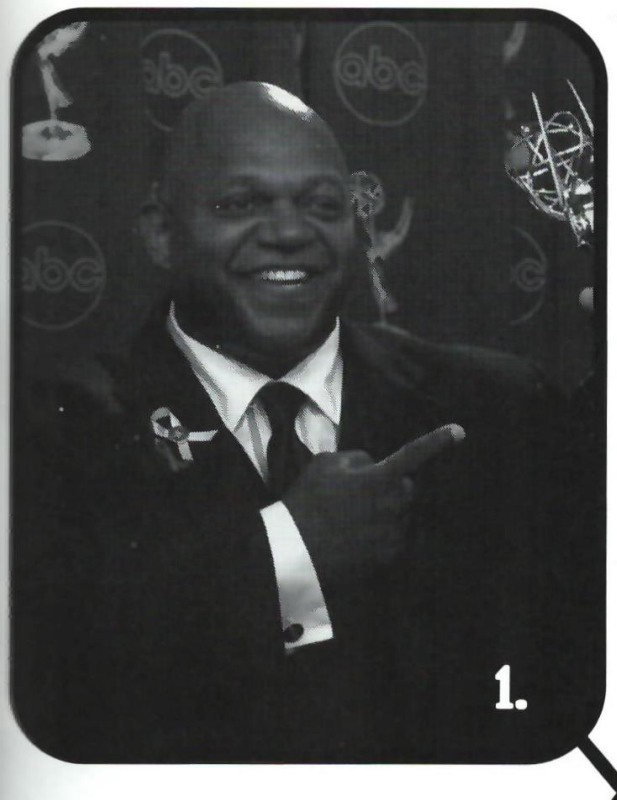
- Ryan Phillpe
- Freddy Prince Jr.
- Brad Pitt

fav actress

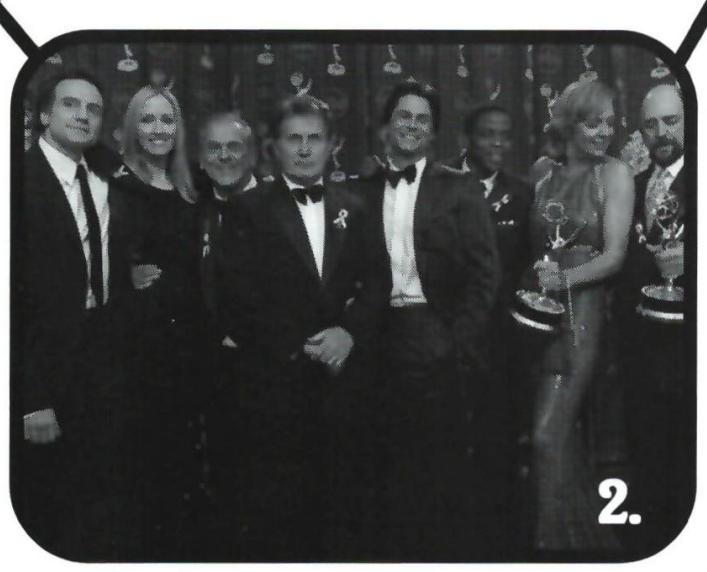
- Julia Roberts
- Meg Ryan
- Sandra Bullock

fav tv show

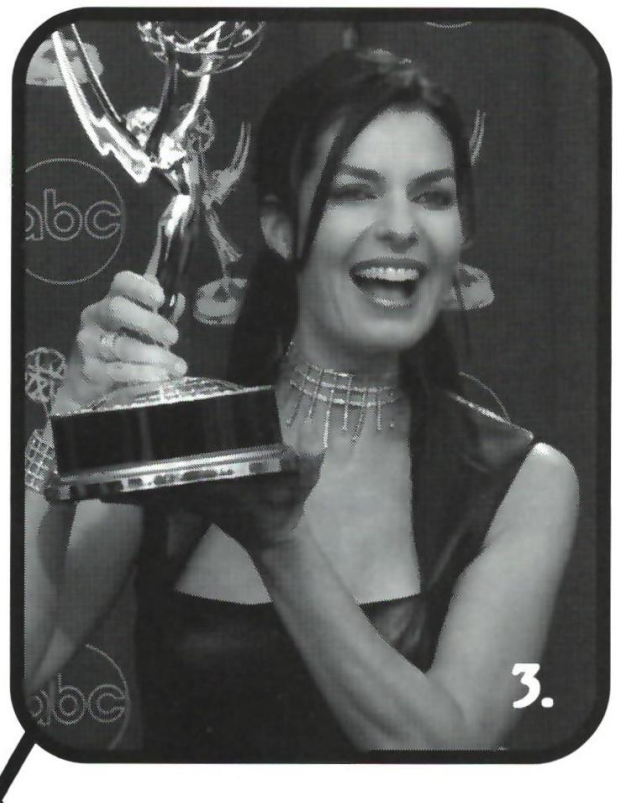
- Friends
- The Simpsons
- Sports Center



1. Actor Charles Dutton holds his Emmy for outstanding director for "The Corner," an HBO production, at the 52nd Annual Primetime Emmy Awards at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles, Sept. 10.



2. The cast of "The West Wing," Bradley Whitford, Janel Moloney, John Spencer, Martin Sheen, Rob Lowe, Dule Hill, Allison Janney, and Richard Schiff pose for photographers at the Emmy Awards. The show garnered a record-breaking nine Emmys, including outstanding drama series.



3. Actress Sela Ward shows off her award for outstanding lead actress in a drama series for her work in "Once And Again" at the Emmy Awards in Los Angeles, Sept. 10.

Pro wrestler "The Rock" talks to the press at the 2000 MTV Video Music Awards at Radio City Music Hall in Newy York, Sept. 7. Duane Johnson aka. The Roc starred in a role as the Scorpian King in the movie *The Mummy Returns* that was released on May 11.

"Survivor" show winner Richard Hatch poses with fellow finalists Rudy Boesch, Susan Hawk, and Kelly Wiglesworth upon their arrival at the "Survivor" show party at CBS Studios in Hollywood, Aug. 23, in Los Angeles.

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- Coyote Ugly
- Gladiatior
- Save the Last Dance

fav place to shop

- American Eagle
- Gap
- Structure

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- abercrombie [55%]

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Juniors

Sean Severson, Cody Thomas, senior Ryan Lampert, and junior Andy Culp lead the drumline. The band was outside before school and during first hour, practicing and marching.

PHOTO BY NATE MARQUIS

Juniors

Alex Campbell, Scott Langnas, and Dan Stein sit in the counseling center doing school work. They worked in there as aids during 6th hour. One of the tasks they did was deliver passes to students.

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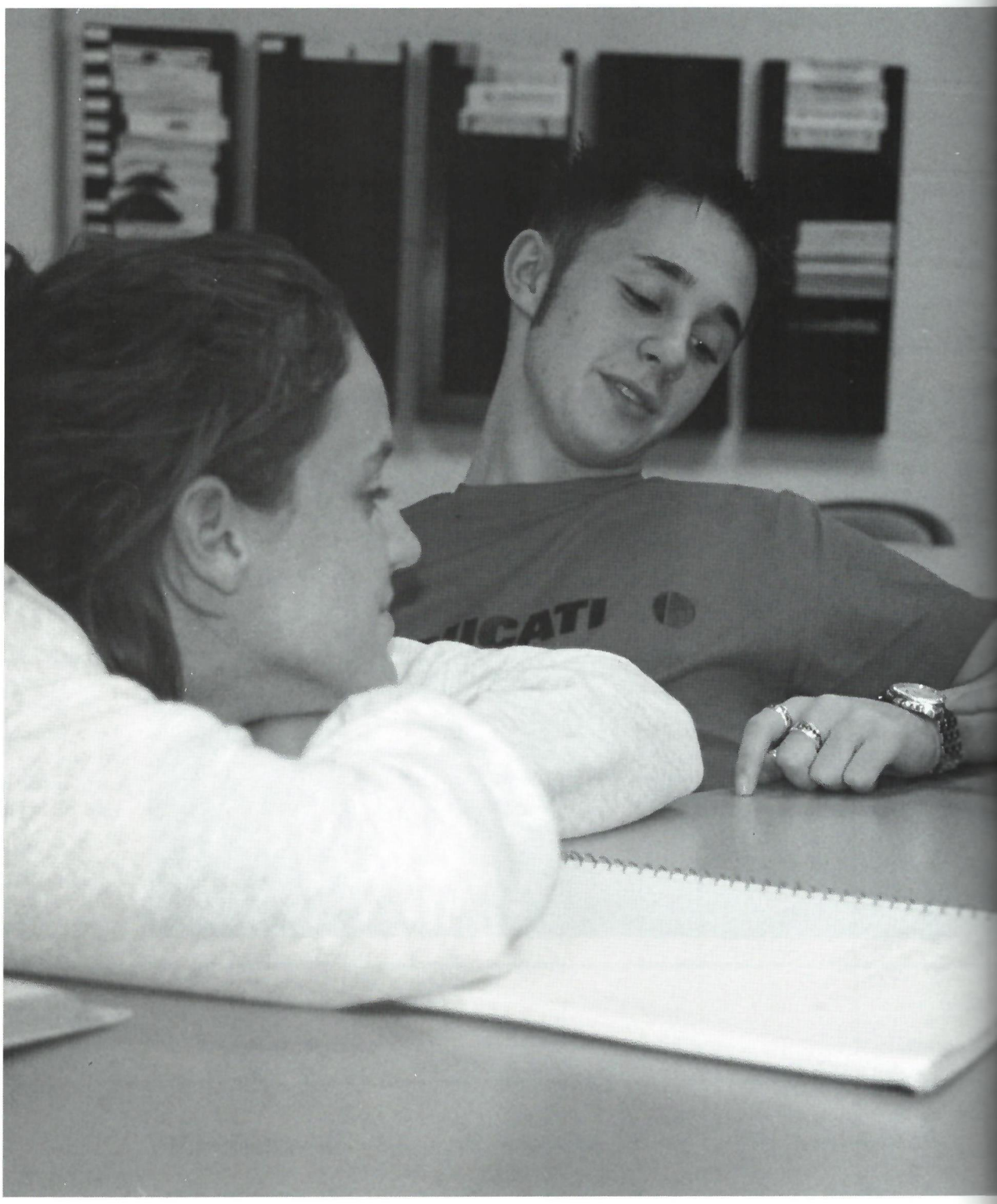
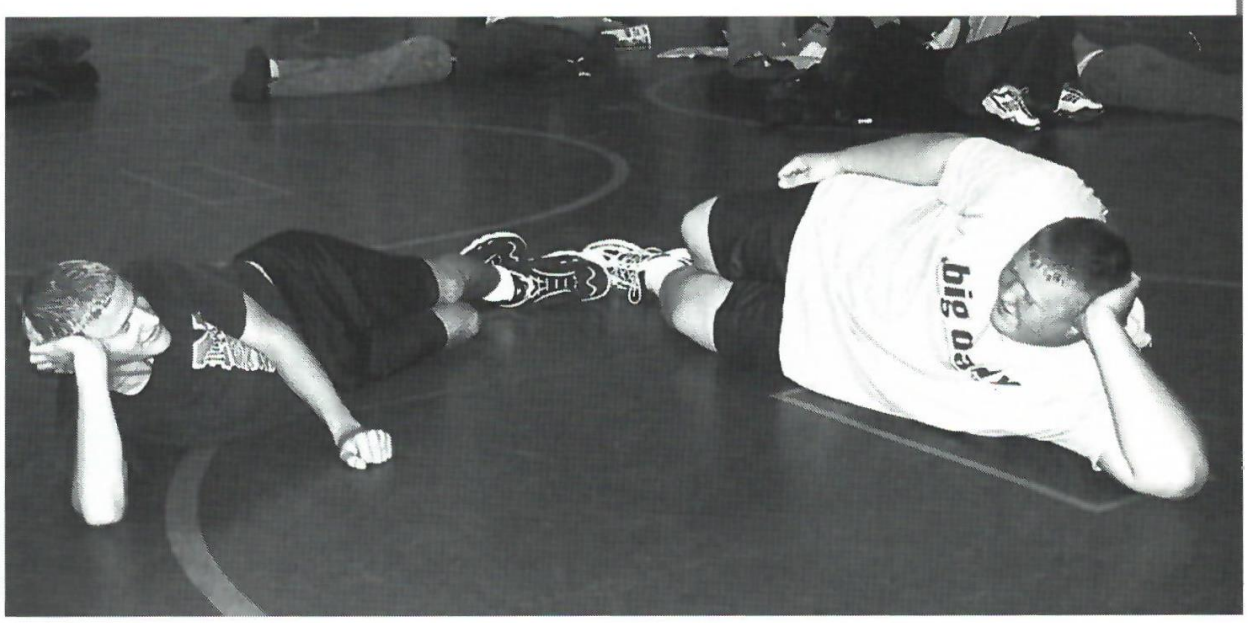


People

LOUD Personality

by Megan Claus

If they were passionate about music, they expressed this by being active in band. If they were kind, they volunteered. Students used all different kinds of methods to show their loud personalities. As a whole, teens were accepting of all the diversity contained in the school they attended. Sophomore Brett Bartlett recognized this strength and spoke about it. "Everyone gets along: freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors; we're all friends."



Conversing during gym class are senior Weston VanderKolk and junior Jared Hays. During the Health Fair on Nov. 15, gym classes were not required to dress-out, but Vanderpolk and Hays did anyway.

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Senior football players Chad Larson, T.J. McAndrew, Milan Gross-Rhode, Tony Daniel, and Jerod Santo stand at the fall pep rally after receiving their blue and green flowers. It was by tradition that senior atheletes were announced and honored at fall pep rallies.
PHOTO BY ASHLEY ROSENBOOM

Seniors Rona Vergo and Dannielle Engel talk in the library. New chairs that had rocking capabilities were a comfortable addition to the new facility built in an area where seniors once ate lunch as freshmen and sophomores.
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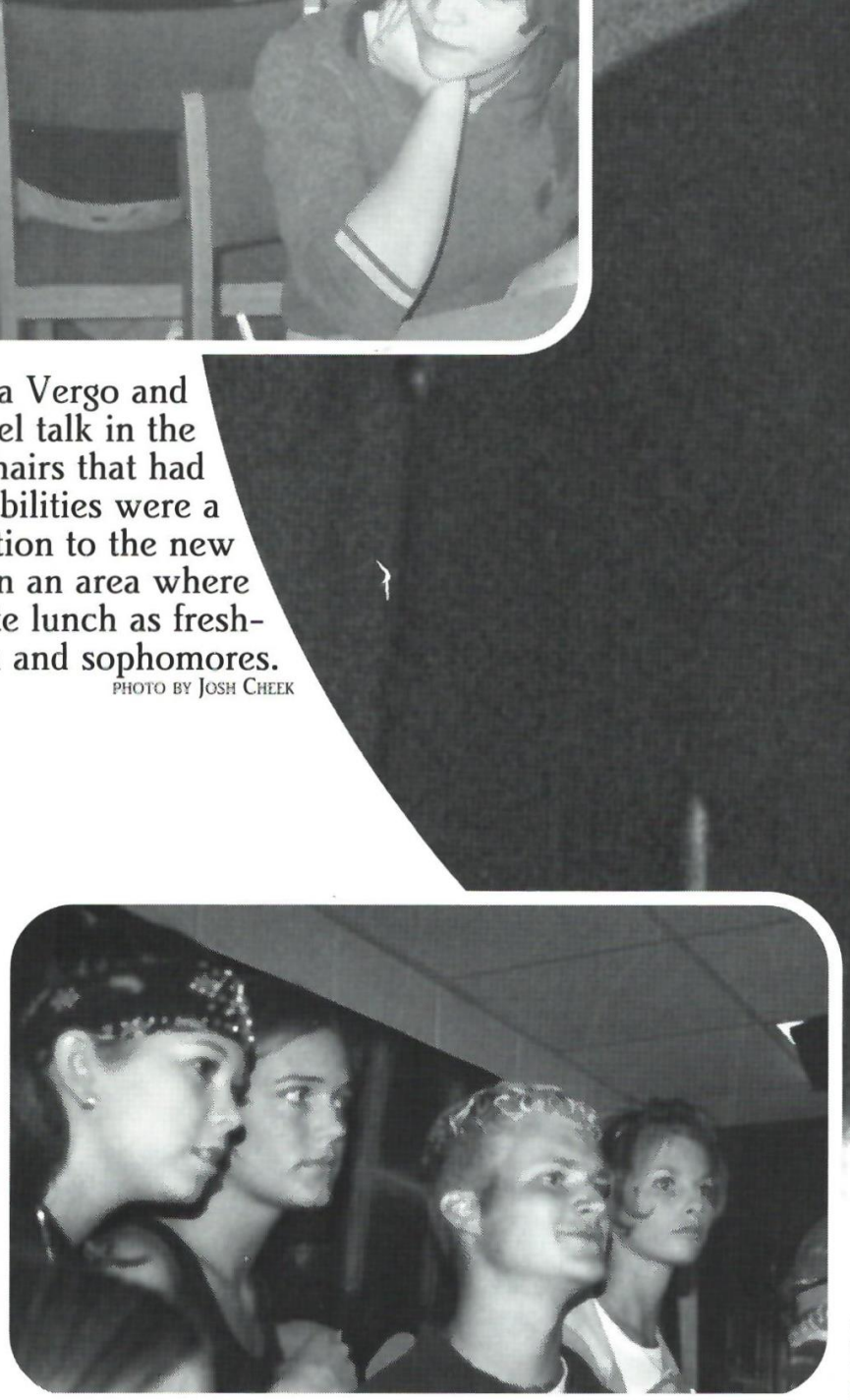

Seniors Nikki Rech, Megan Tuttle, Jason Decker, and Lindsey Anderson stand their ground in the senior hallway. Black paper, spray paint, memorable senior items, a couch, and music gave the hall a personality of senior territory.
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seniors danger zone

pages by
Linsey Armbrust

Decorating the "Danger Zone" or senior hall for spirit week, wearing black for class color days, cheering at varsity games, and being the rulers of the school gave many seniors memories to last forever. It wasn't all fun and games though. This was the most stressful time in a senior's life. Filling out ACT forms, scholarship applications, and picking a school wasn't easy.

" To be a senior means you're finally on top. Everything you do during high school is your last, so you have to make it the most memorable. This year has been very stressful though. You have to worry about what college to go to and get a good enough score on the ACT's to be accepted," senior Sam French said.

Being a senior and being at the top of the school was something that students looked forward to from the time they were freshmen.

" Being a senior is all about power. Teachers ease down, freshman run from you in the halls, and it is the only time school will ever be fun," senior Pat Roseland said.

Even though seniors were graduating and moving on with their lives, they always would know that they could hold onto the memories of what it was like to attend MN and enjoy all the friends.

Seniors Josh Cheek, Emily Winter, Erin Kronberg, and Megan Claus talk on the senior benches. By tradition, the benches in this area, located outside of the north gym, have been claimed by the seniors year after year.
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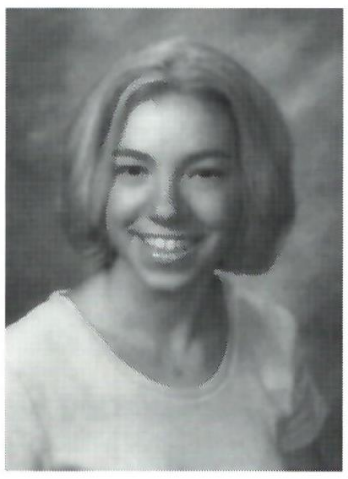
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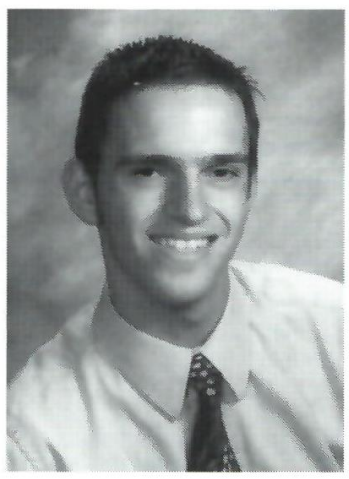
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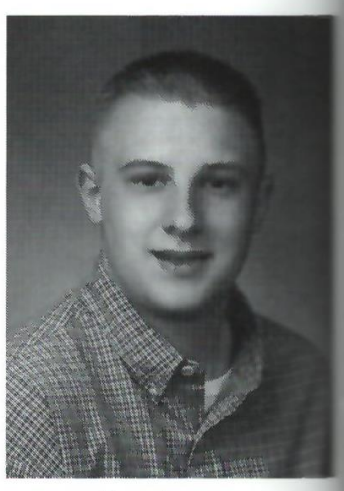
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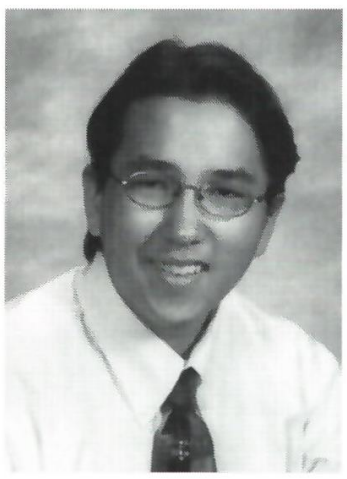
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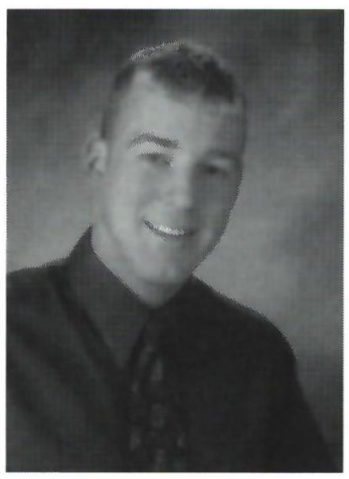
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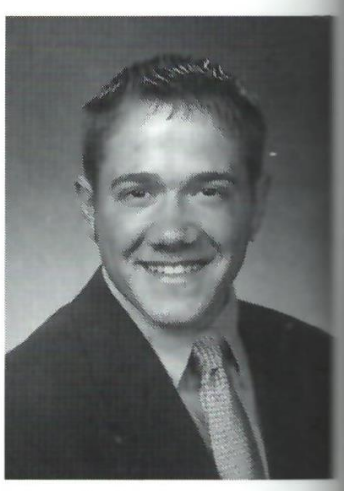
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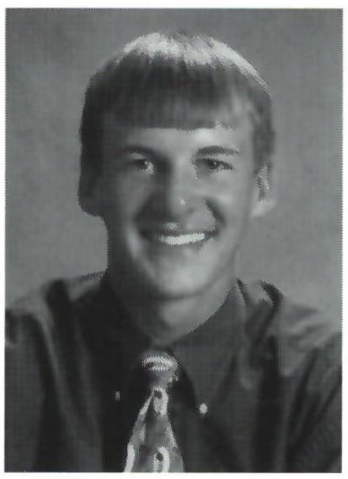
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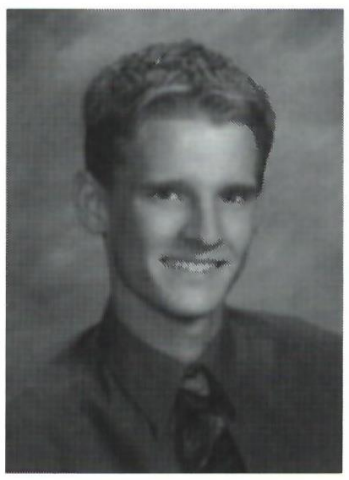
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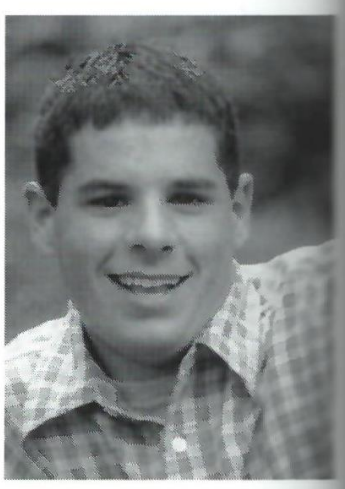
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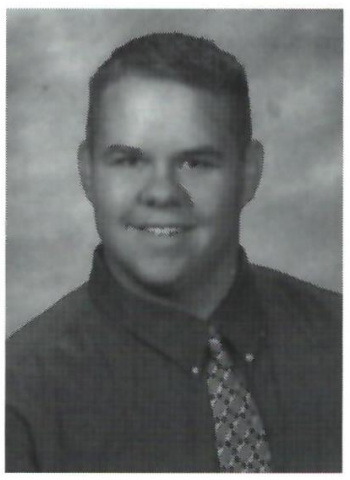
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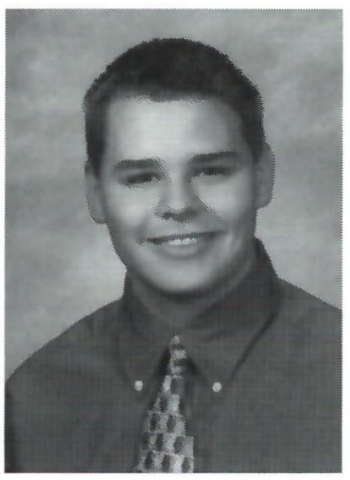
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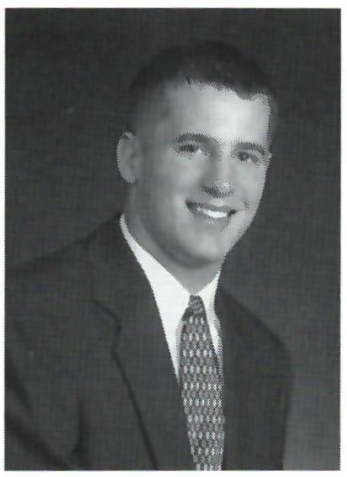
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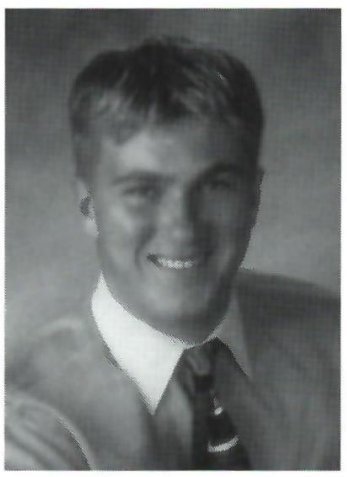
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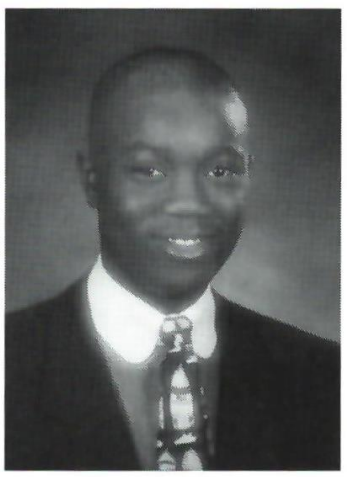
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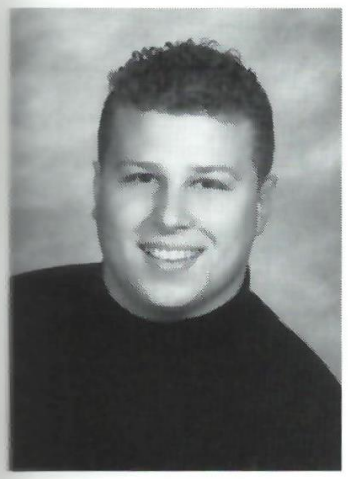
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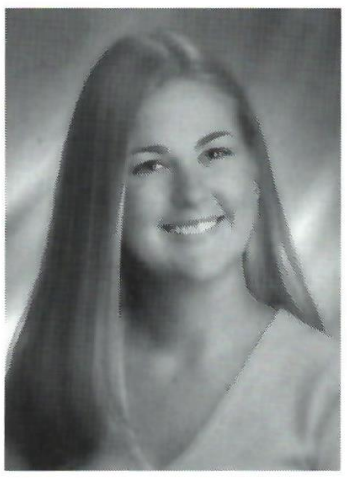
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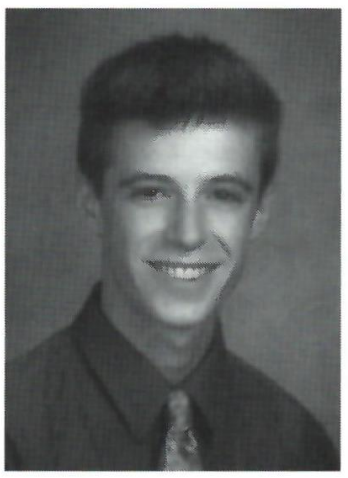
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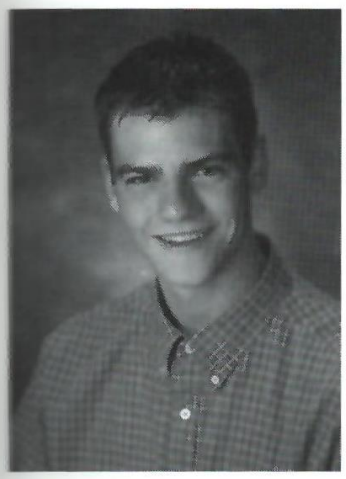
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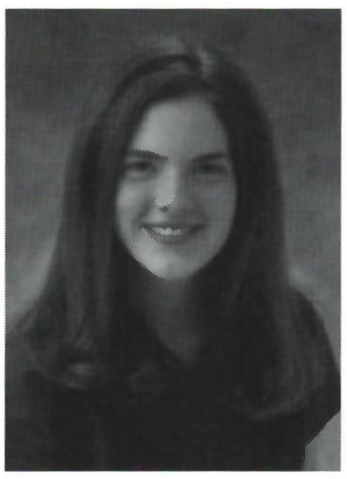
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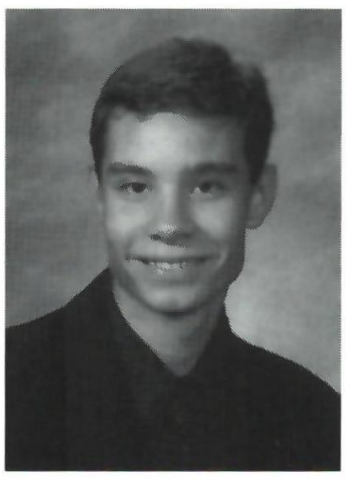
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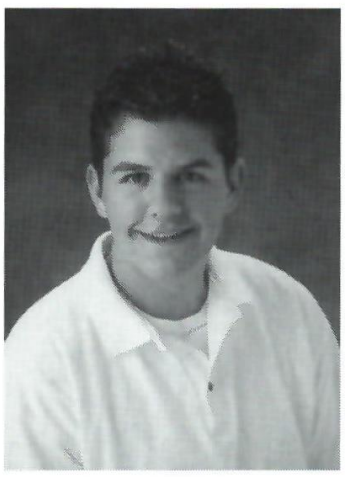
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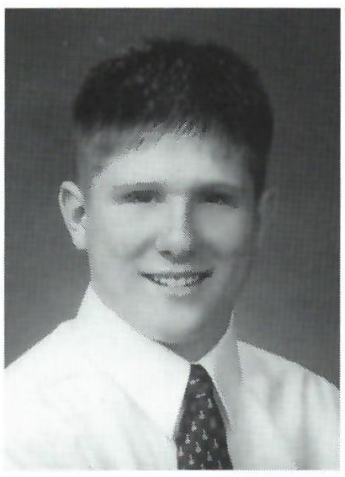
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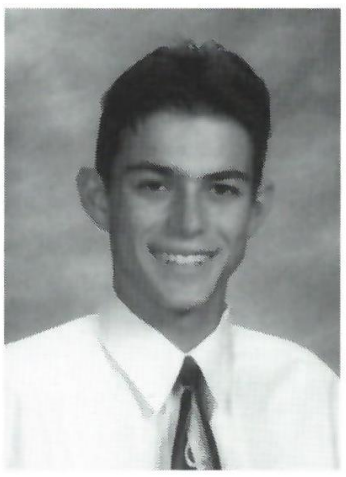
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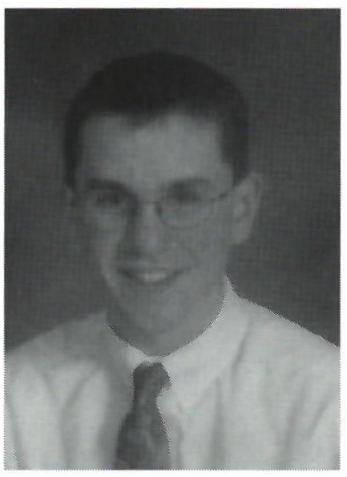
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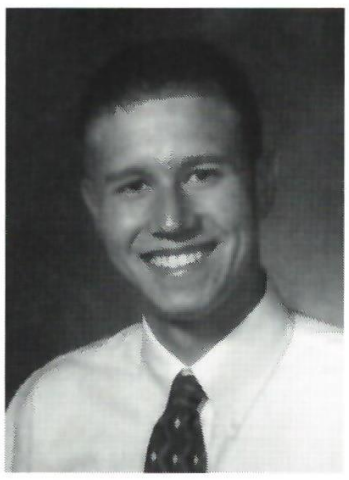
"I will never forget girl's night out, the dances, and the memories of fun outings. I will always think of senior year as the greatest time of my life."



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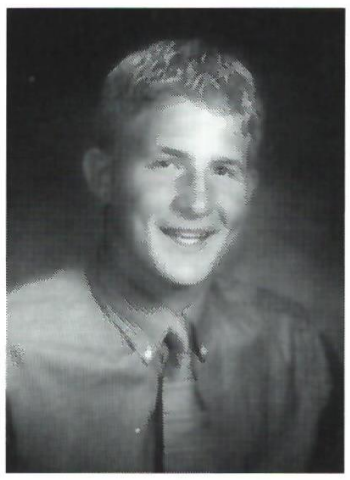

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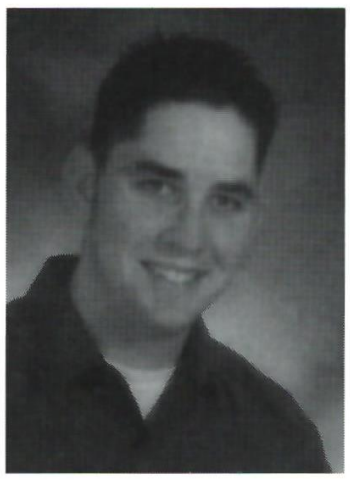

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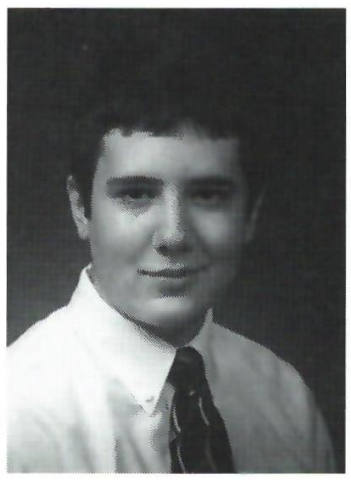

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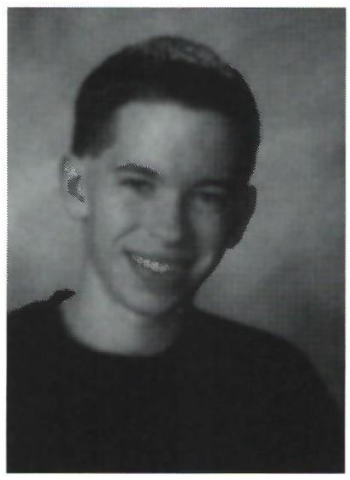

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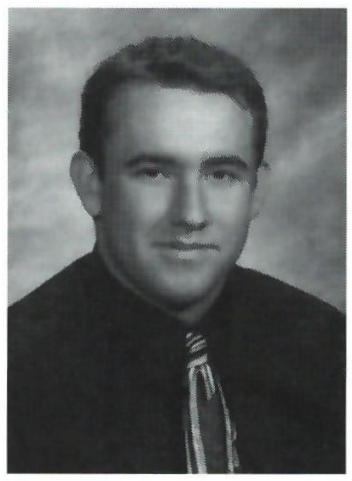

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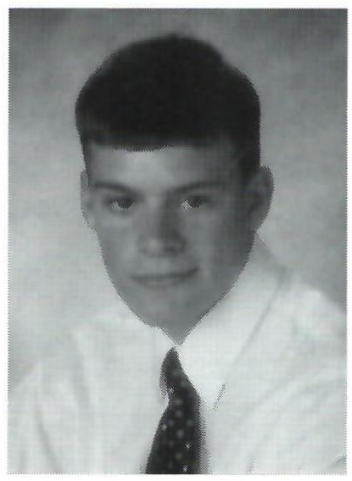

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[what it | means] to be a senior

pages by Sarah Johnson

Memorable moments, life-changing decisions, and difficult choices scattered through the life of a senior. Senior year was clouded with the stress of making the right decisions about where to head after graduation, along with the perks of school freedoms and the joys of seniority.

"Seniors should use their seniority for a good reason and enjoy the benefits of being upperclassmen," senior Christie Coleman said.

"Senior year is what everyone waits for. The year has seemed to fly by very fast," senior Matt Hamilton said.

When compared to years past, senior year also brought differences and change.

"What is most different about this year is the realization that we won't be coming back next fall and that everyone will be heading in different directions after graduation," senior Shelley Tifft said.

However, what most seniors remembered were the challenges along with fears because the end of high school was near.

"You have to start to think about your future and that you won't always be with your friends. The year is about enjoying the time you have left with them," senior Brian Myers said.

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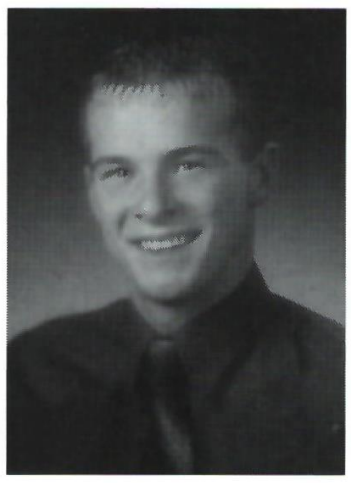

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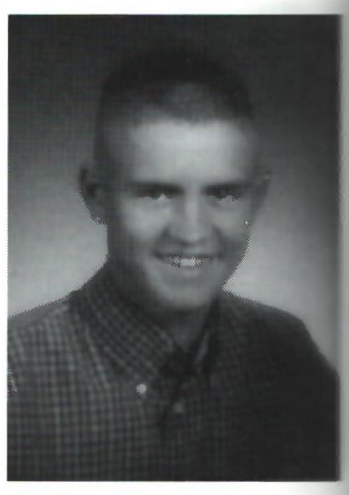

Darrell Carlsen

Seniors Tiffany Thomas, Todd King, Mike Willson and Mattie Clark converse during school. Seniors enjoyed open campus privileges which allowed them to come and go throughout the day. PHOTO BY NATE MARQUISS

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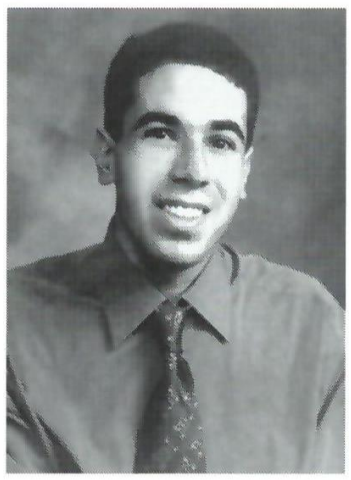
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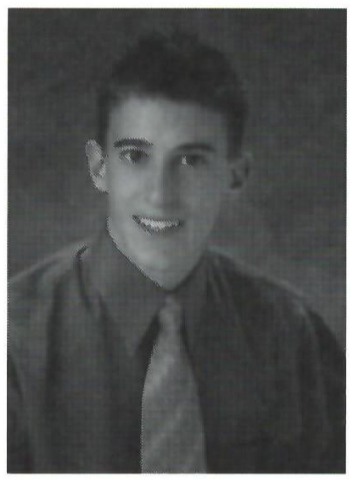
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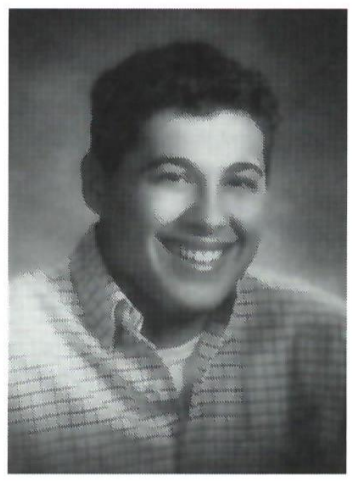
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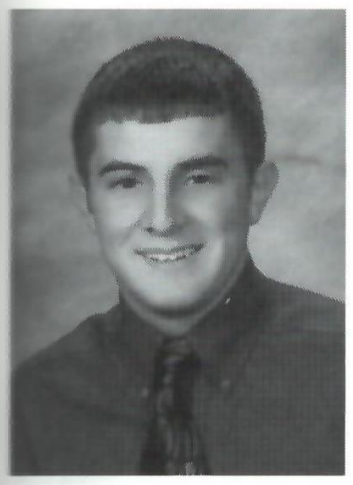
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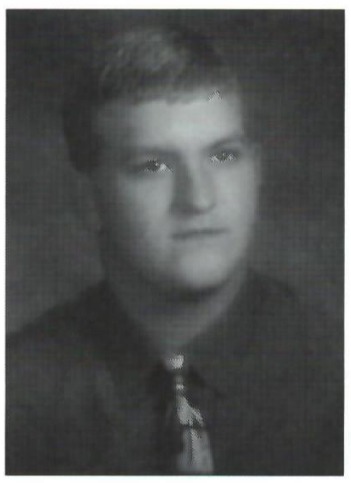
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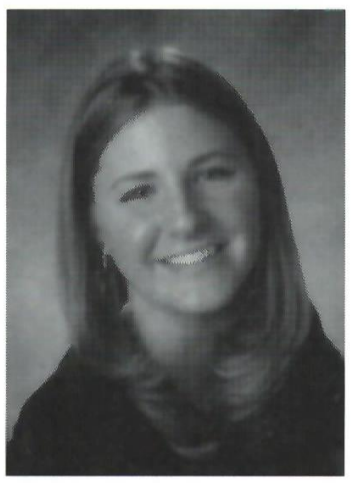
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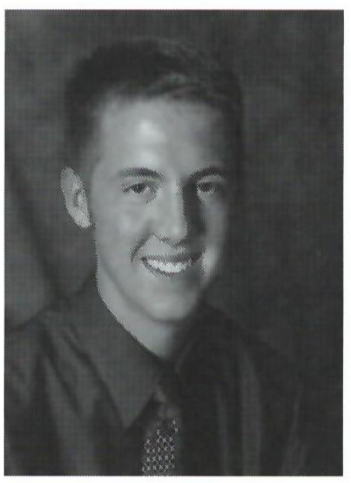
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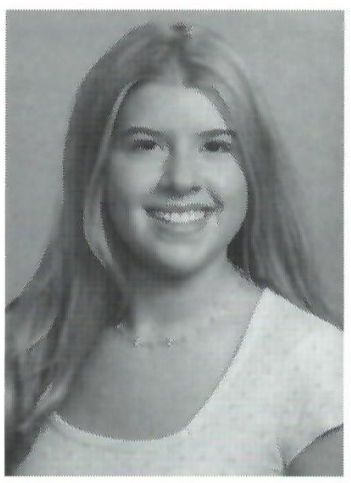
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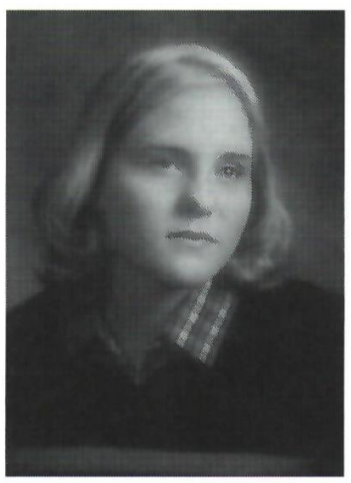
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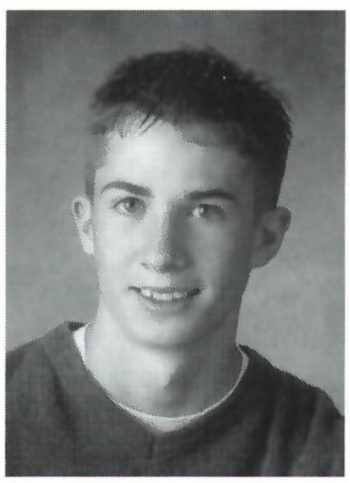
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Seniors Colt Palmer and Megan Schmolke dance together during the senior dance at the fall pep rally. The dance between senior football players dance team members and dance cheerleaders was an on-going tradition at the fall rally.
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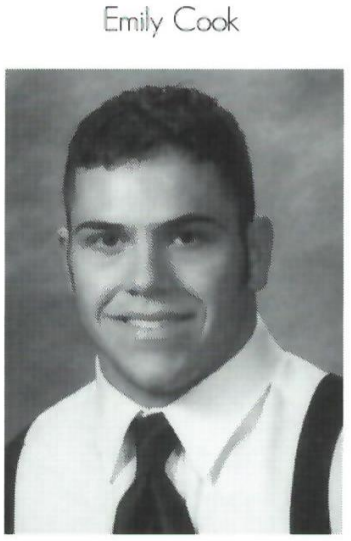
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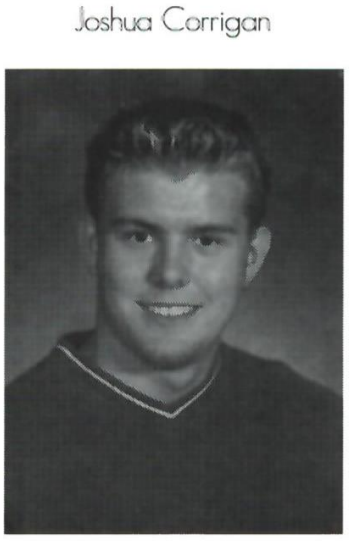
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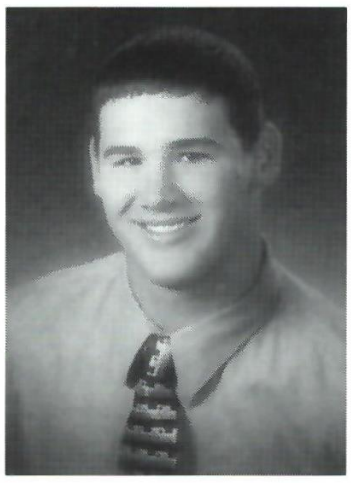
Christie Coleman ——— 12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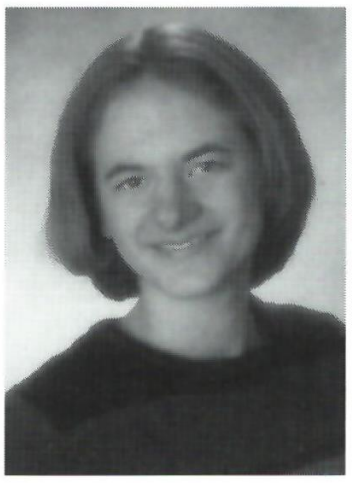
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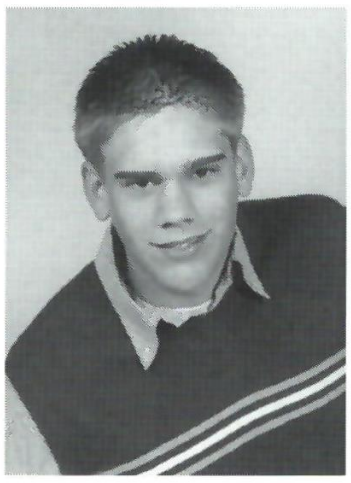
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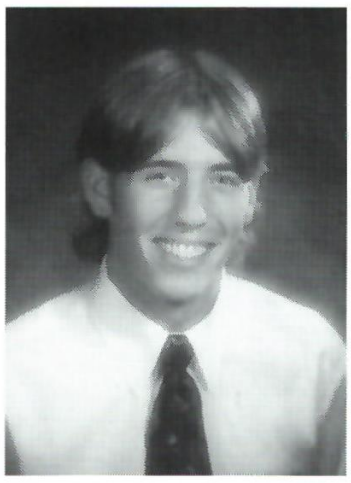
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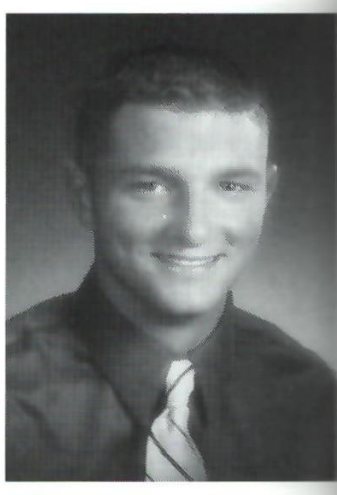
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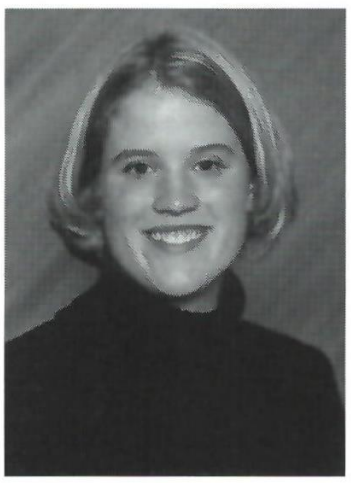
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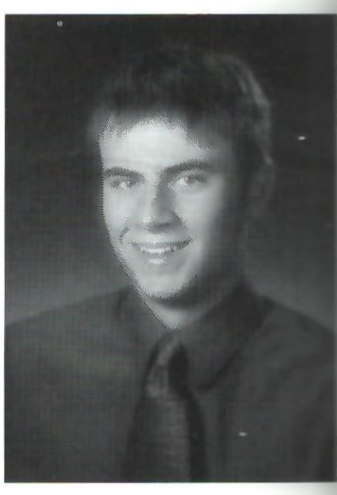
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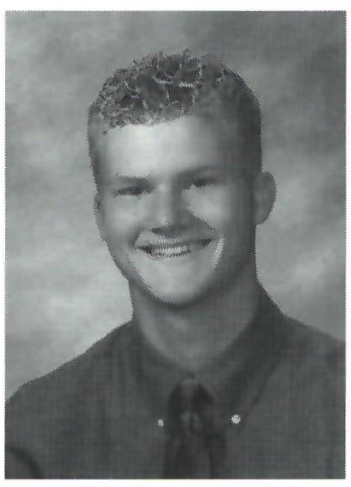
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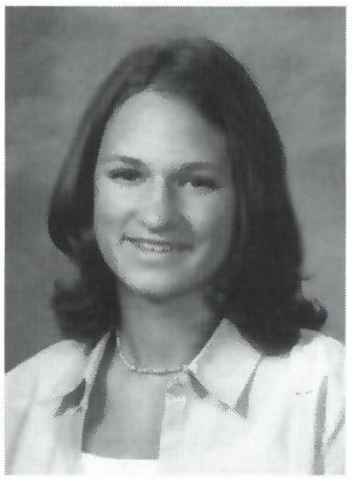
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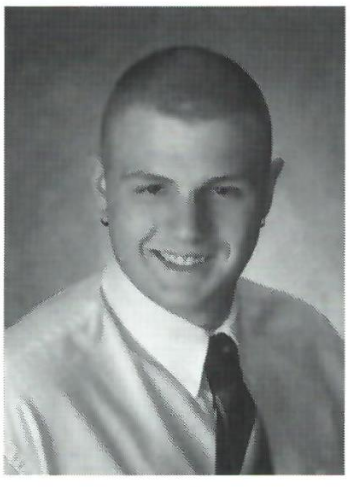
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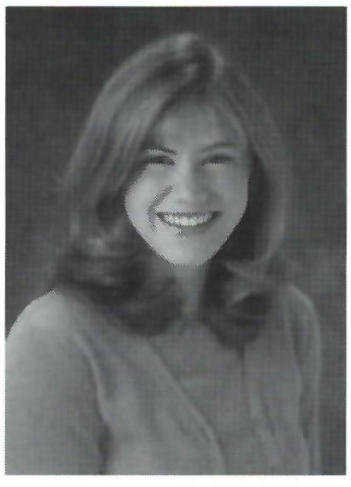
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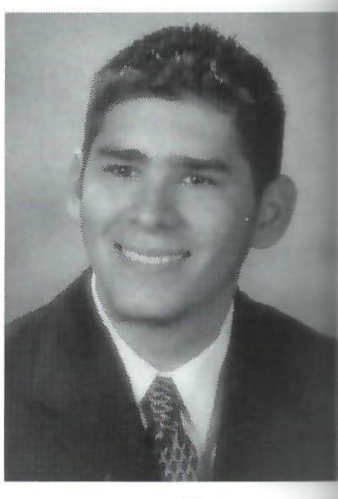
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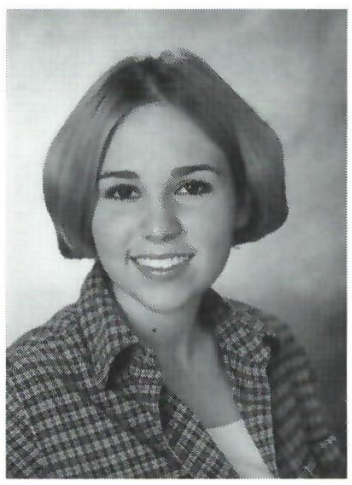
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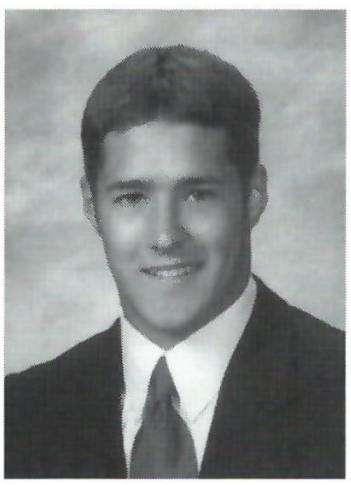
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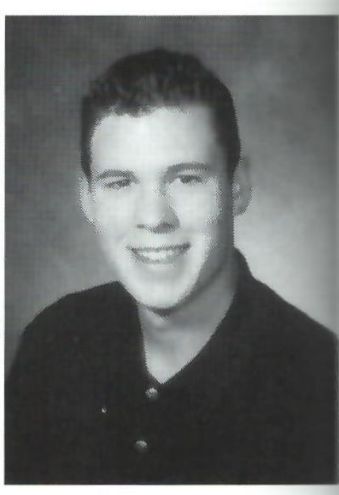
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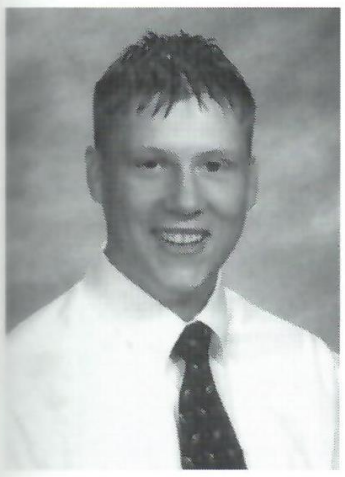
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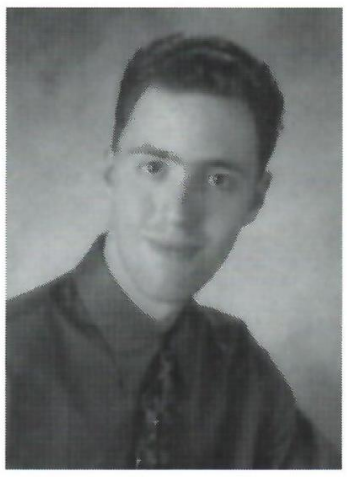
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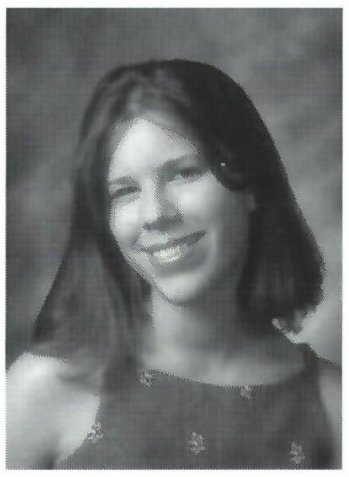
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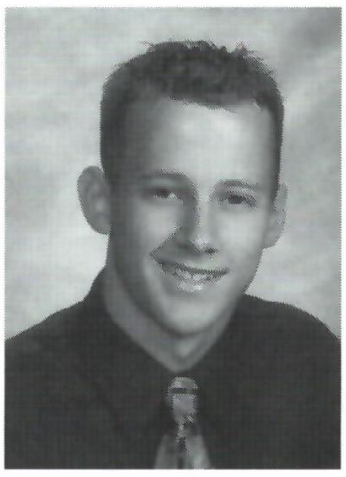
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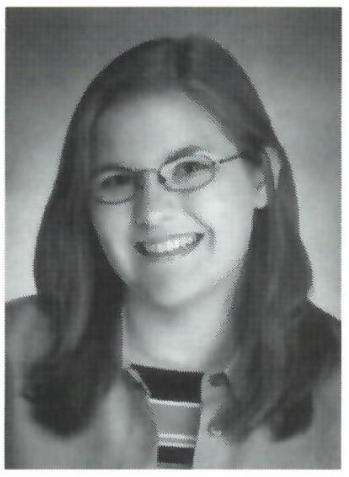
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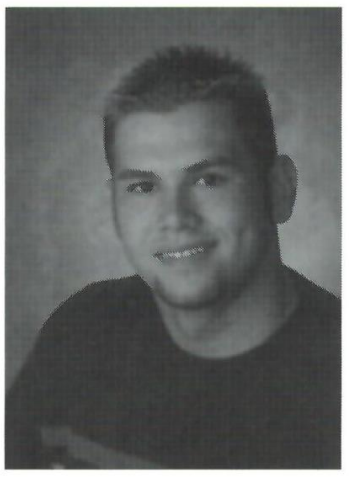
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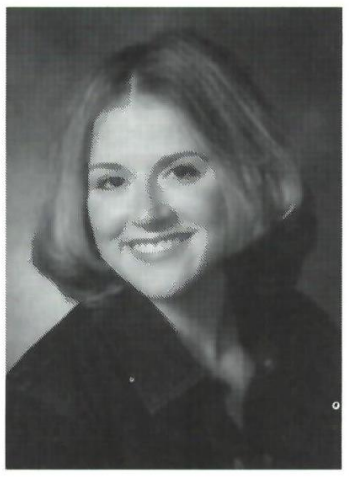
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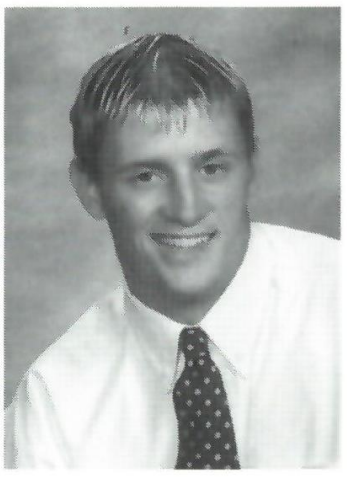
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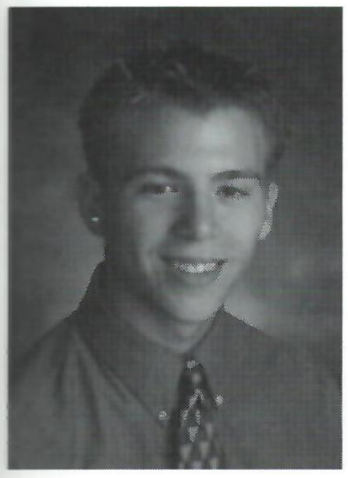
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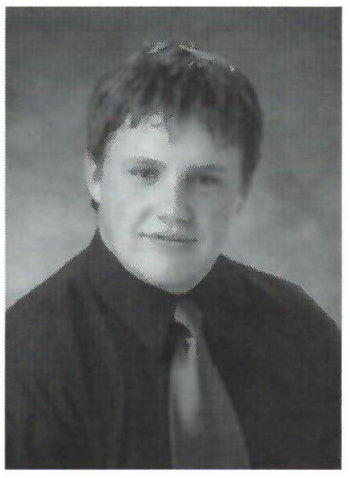
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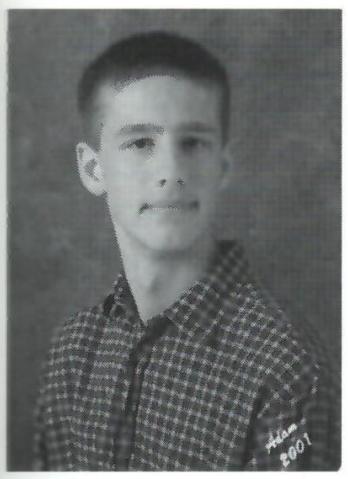
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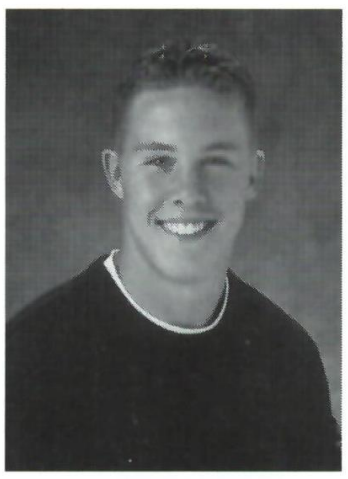
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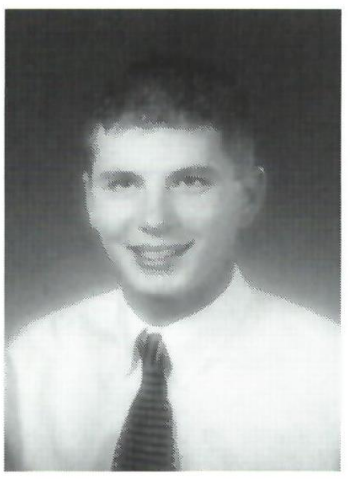
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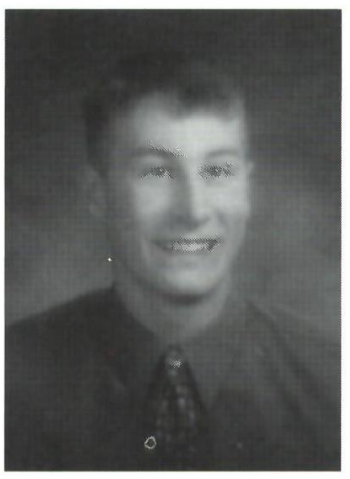
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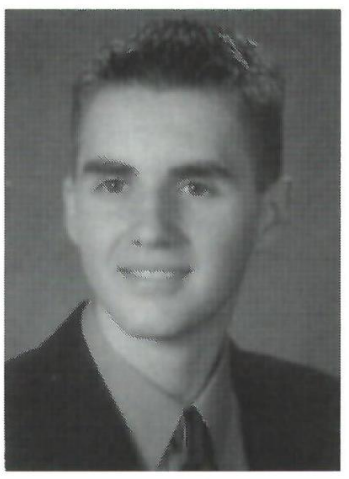
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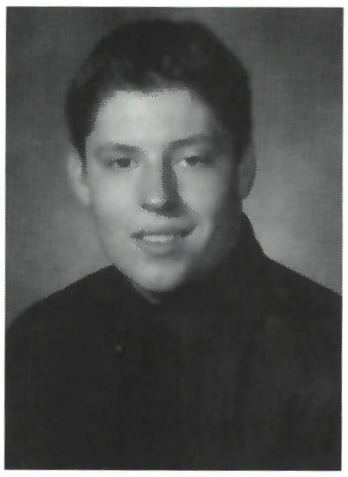
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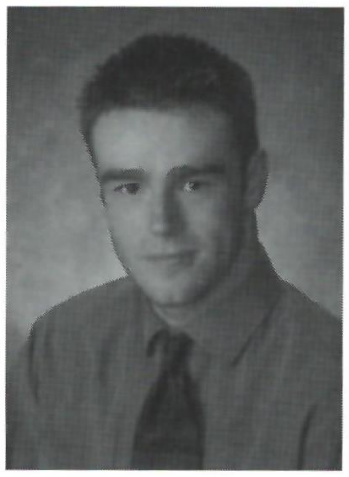
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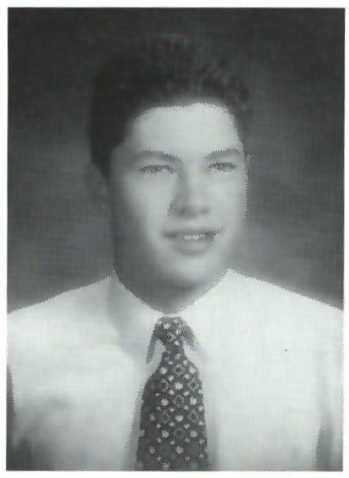
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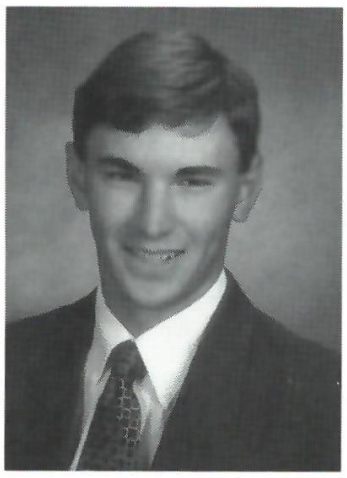
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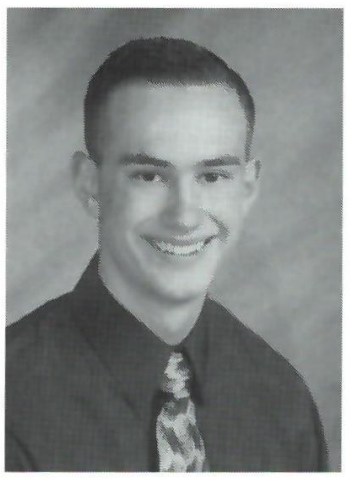
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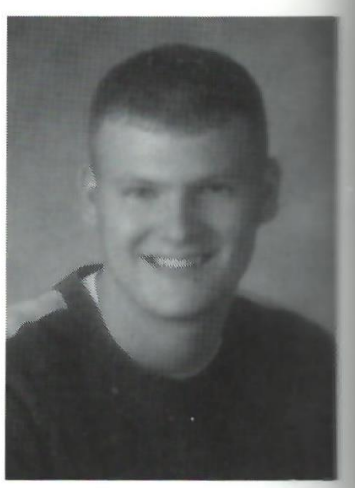
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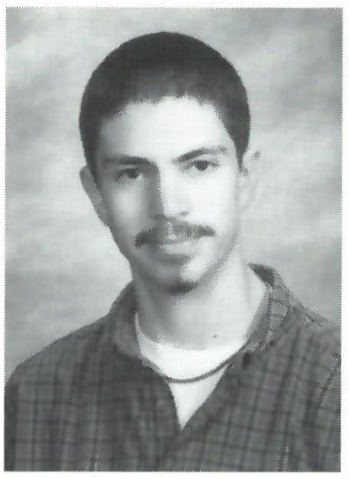
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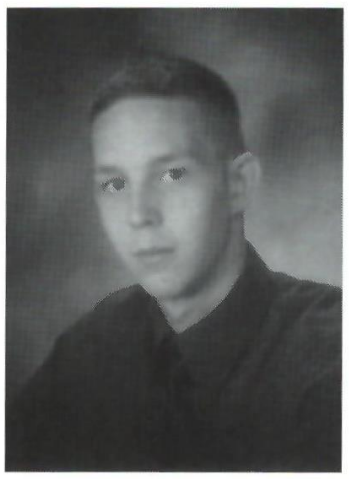
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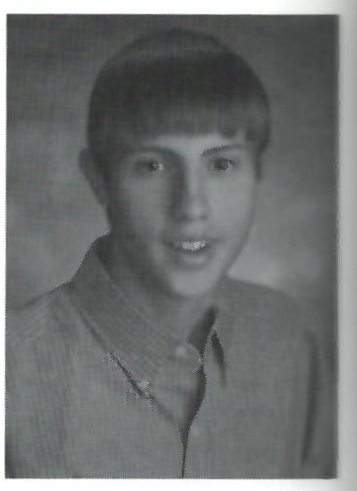
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[only the | lonely] to be an only child

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Fighting with siblings, getting hand-me-downs, sharing the car, and babysitting siblings was a daily part of students' lives. Not all students dealt with these tasks because they were only children.

Only children tended to get more attention and were called "spoiled brats," but they didn't have it as easy as one thought.

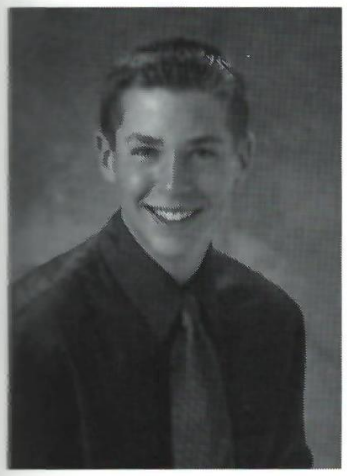
"When I was young and we had snow days, I didn't have anyone to play Barbies with, and I couldn't blame anyone for the coloring on the walls. Sometimes I wish I had someone else to confide in," senior **Jill Porter** said.

Only children who wished they could have a sibling, had different opinions on what gender and age they should be.

"I wish that I had an older brother because I would know his cute friends. I also want an older sister to give me advice and share clothes with," sophomore **Jennifer Cooper** said.

Unfortunately, an only child never had a sibling to fall back on for daily problems. They had to rely on themselves that much more.

Seniors Jamie Broermann, Eliana Eliopoulos, and Natalie Annan chat during their open period. Eliopoulos said that having close friends made up for not having siblings to talk to. PHOTO BY JOSH CHEEK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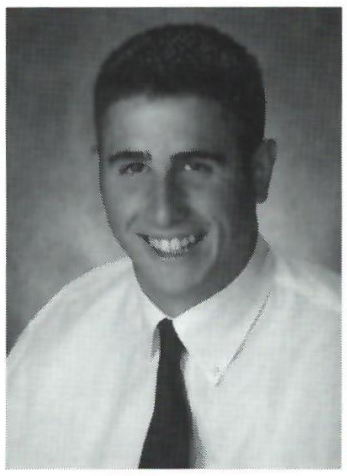
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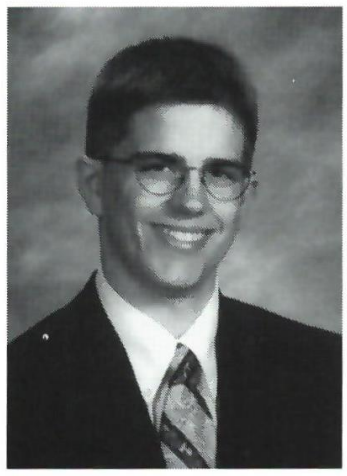
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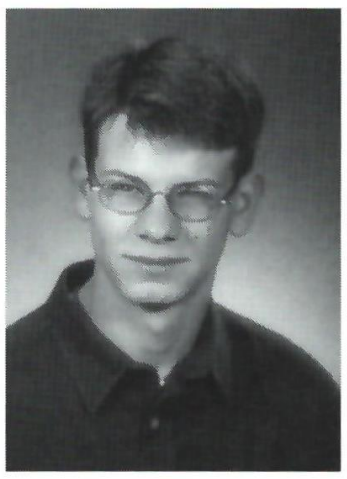
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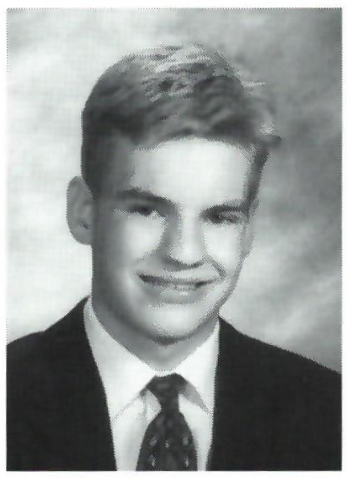
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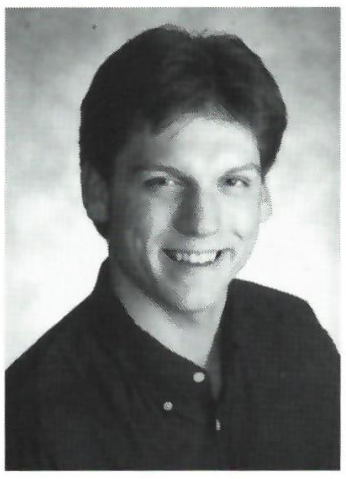
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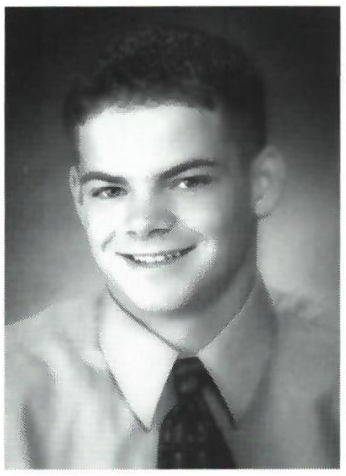
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Junior Michael Bruntz reads a magazine in the library. He said that being an only child used to be good at Christmas because he got more presents. PHOTO BY JOSH CHEEK

"Without siblings to fight with, it's really quiet around my house."

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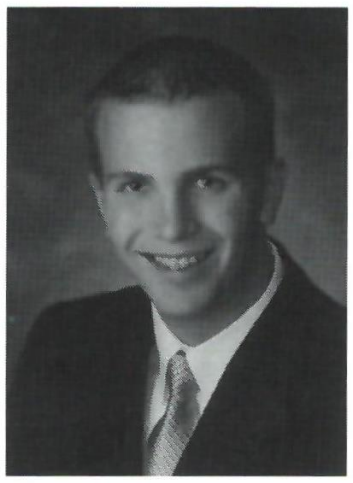
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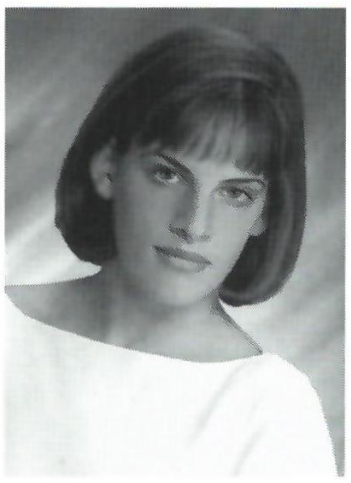
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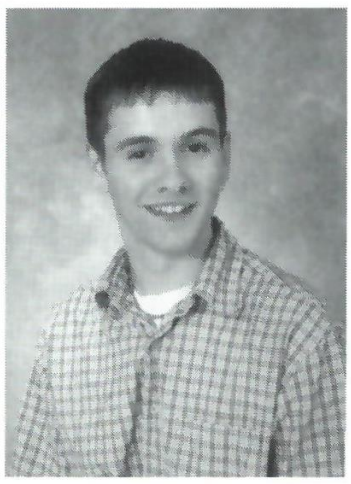
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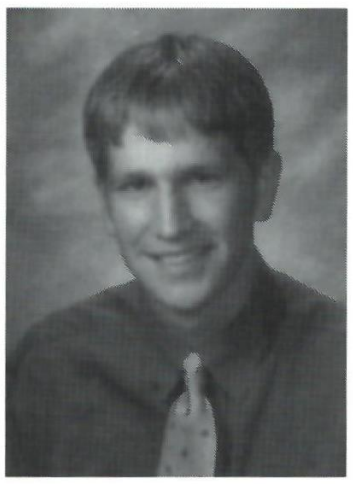
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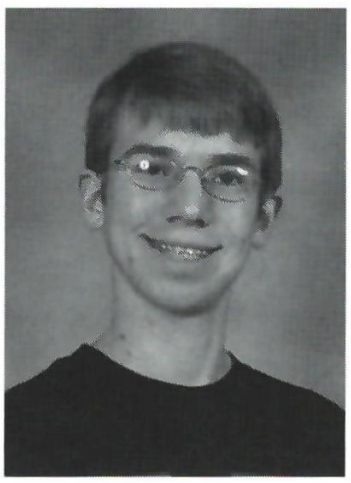
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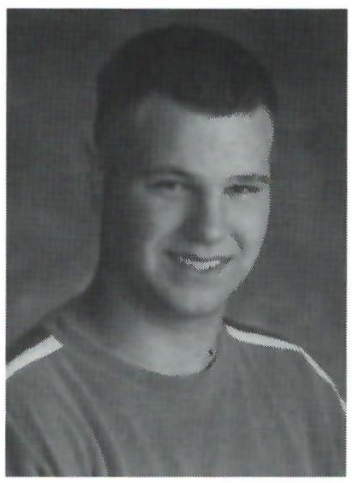
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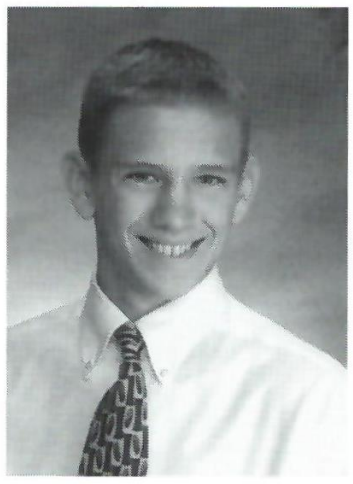
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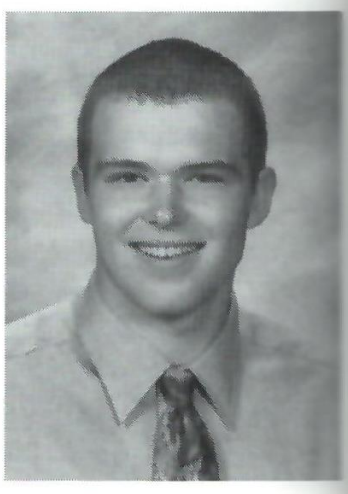
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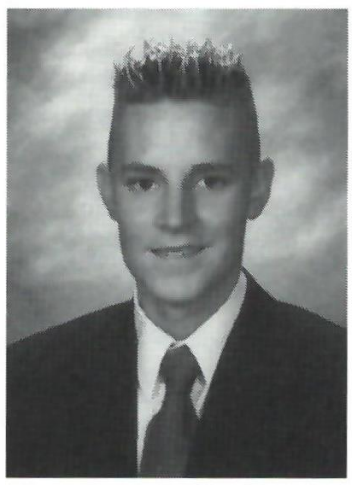
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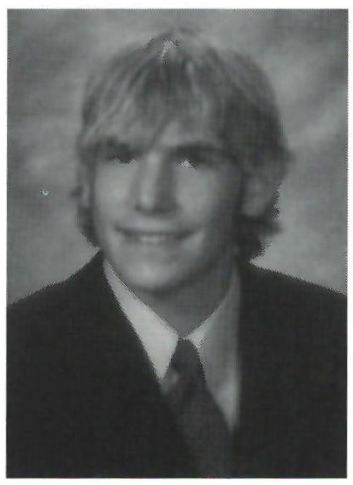
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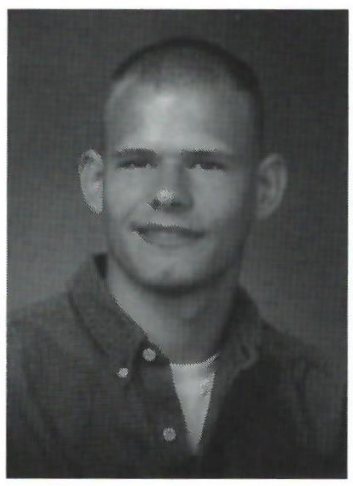
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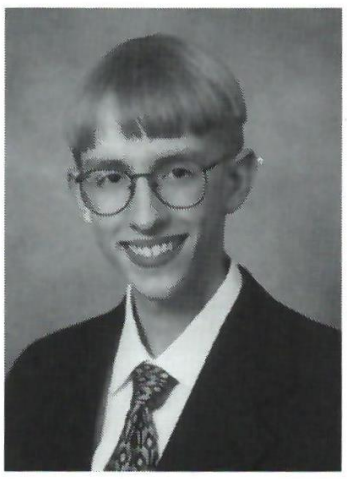
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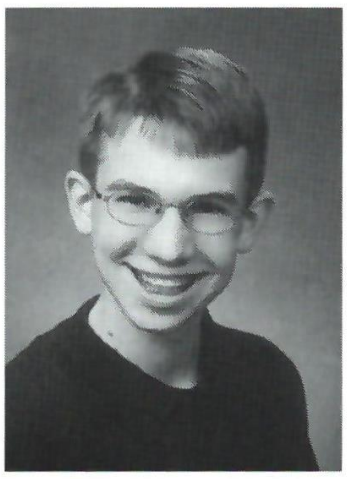
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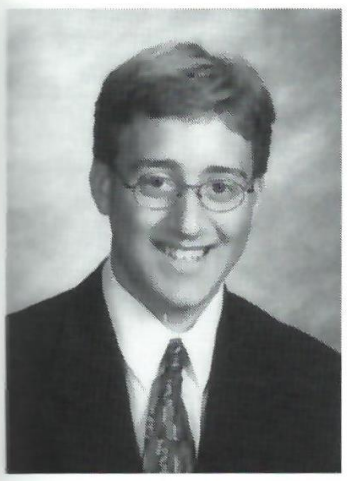
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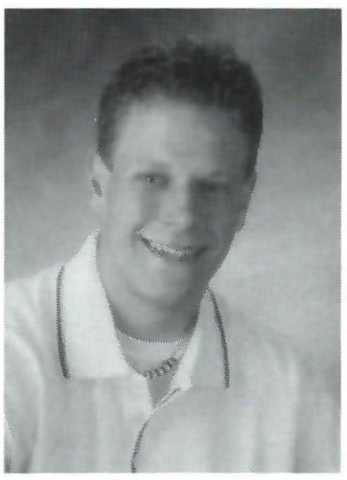
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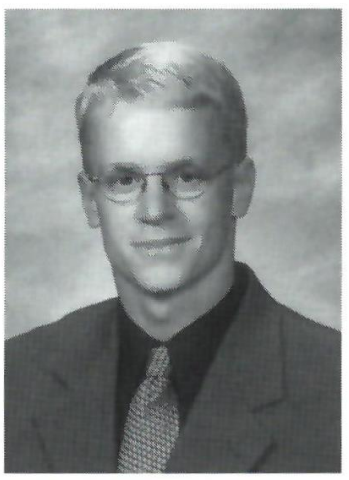
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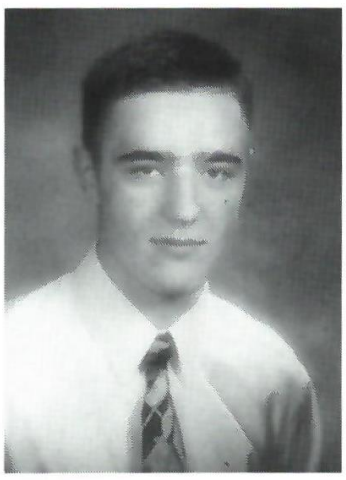
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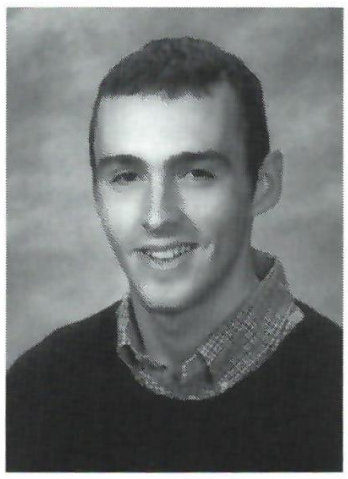
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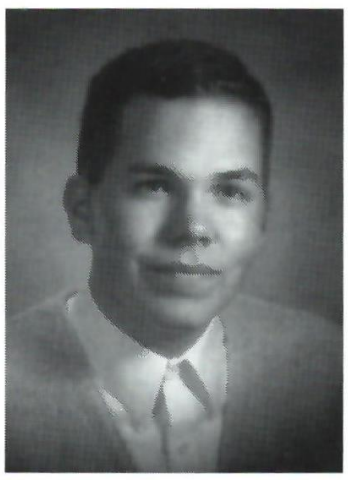
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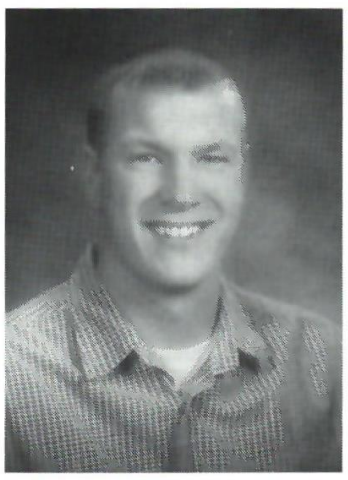
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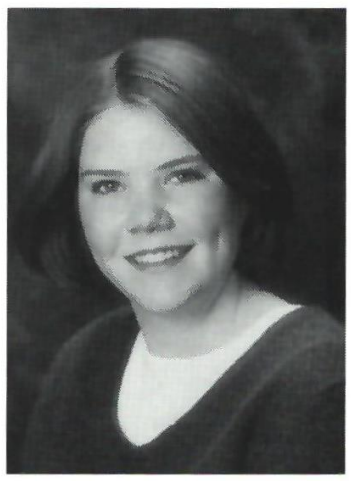
"Winning second place in the district speech competition sophomore year was my best memory. The tournament was held at MN which made it even more special."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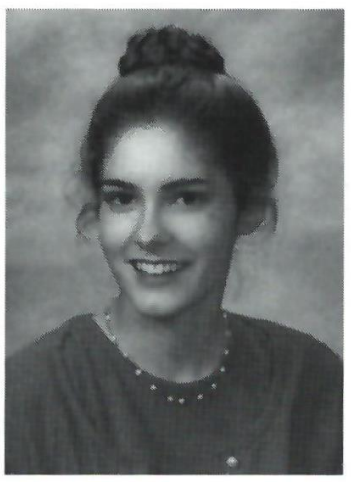
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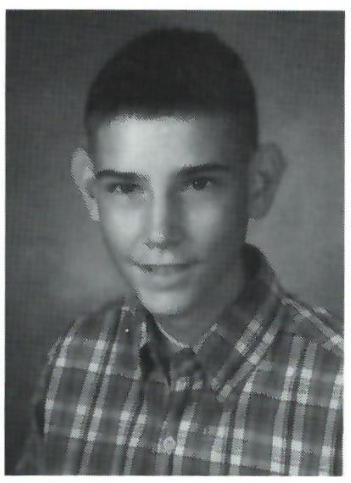
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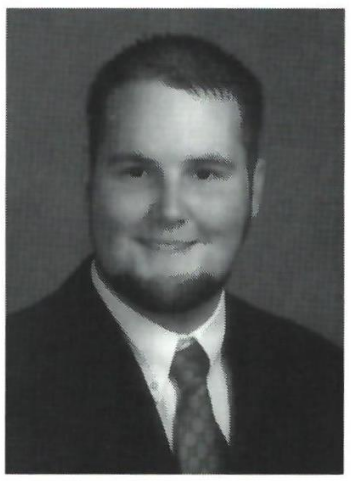
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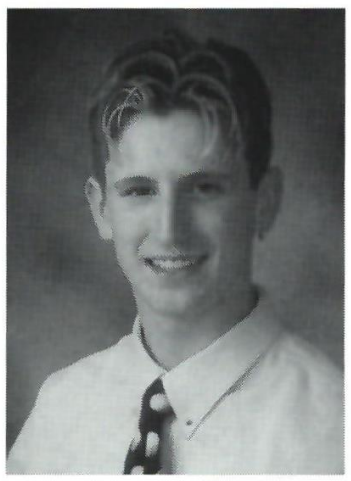
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[good times] memorable moments

pages by Meghan Brozanic

Each senior walked away from high school with a unique set of memories.

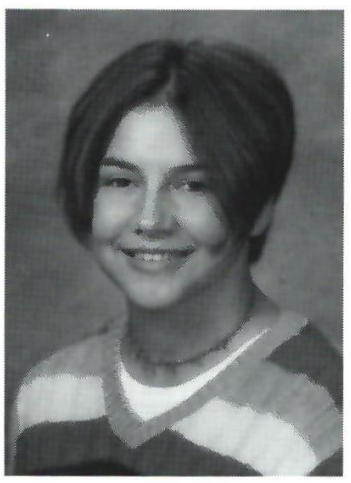
Classes, school dances, and random, outrageous events during school provided some of the most memorable moments for seniors.

"My most memorable experience was after-prom junior year. I ended up beating everyone in bingo and winning about five senior shirts," senior Amanda Peck said

School dances and field trips were highlights for many students and garnered many memorable moments.

"I'd have to say that what I remembered most from high school is when the group, From Above , performed the song "Bye,Bye,Bye" by N Sync at the Valentine's Dance," senior Allison Schneider said.

"The field trips in law studies with Mr. (Jeff) Salberg were always memorable, especially going to see the prisoners in jail," senior Lindsey Johnson said.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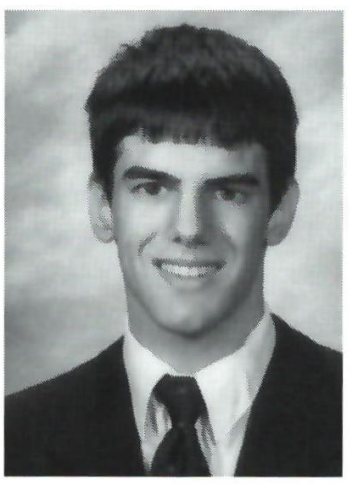
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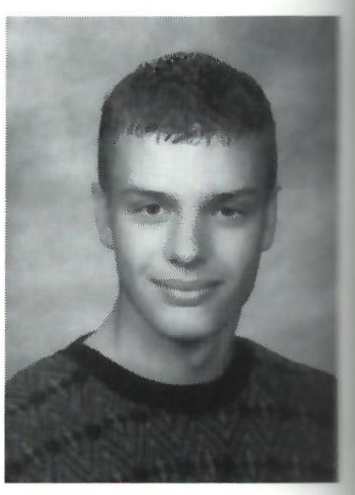
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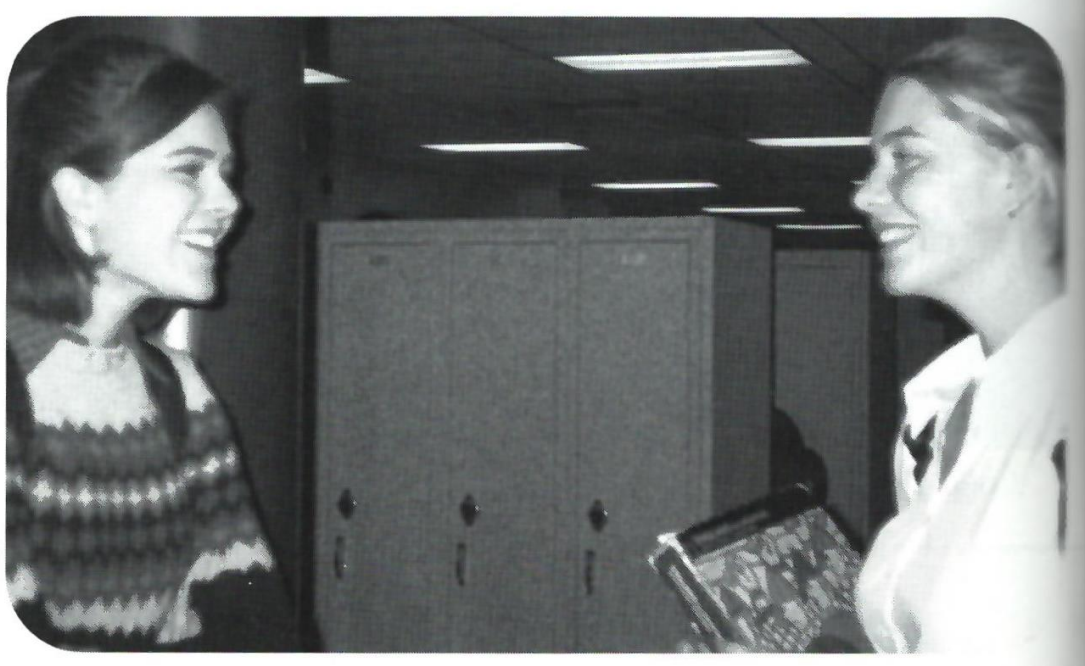
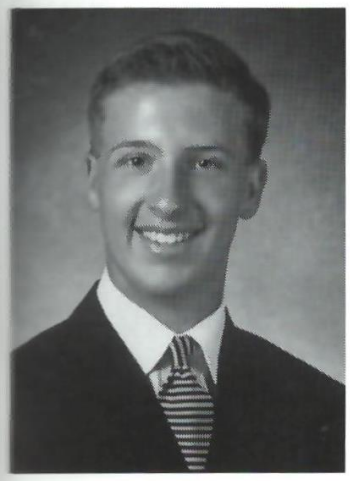


Seniors Amanda Peck and Allison Schneider talk between classes. Many seniors listed prom and other school dances as their most memorable moment. PHOTO BY MEGHAN BROZANIC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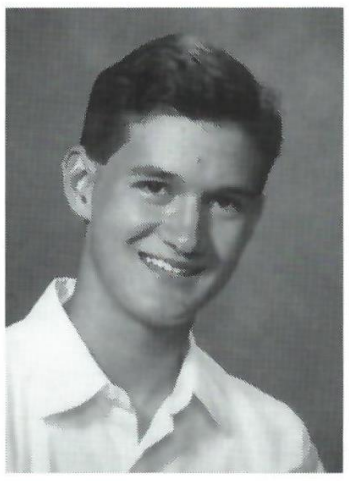
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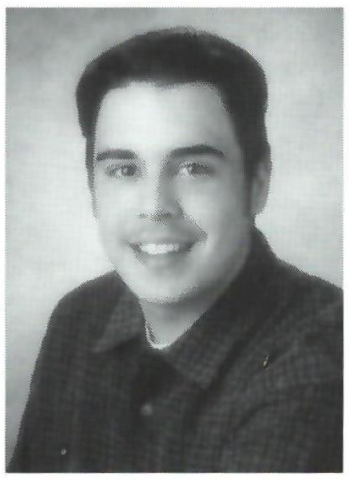
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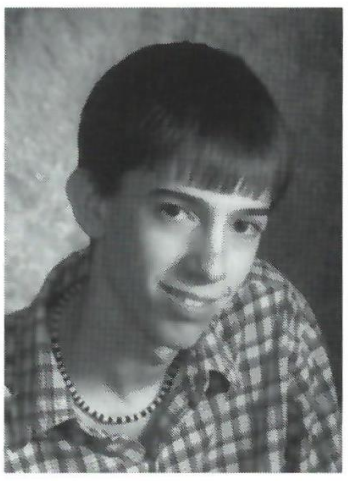
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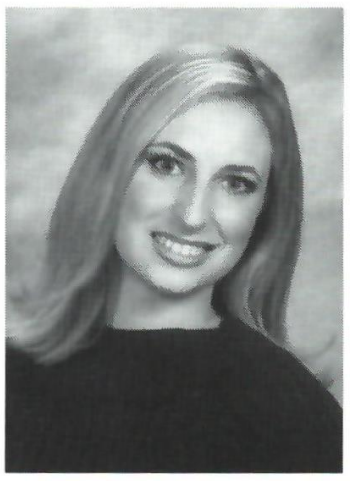
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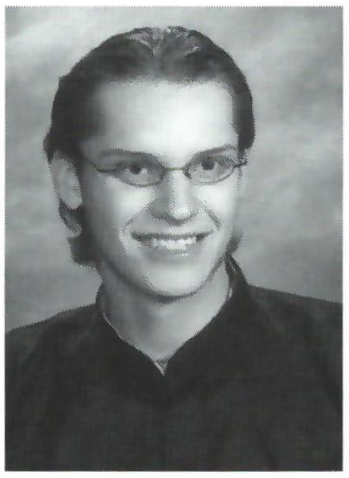
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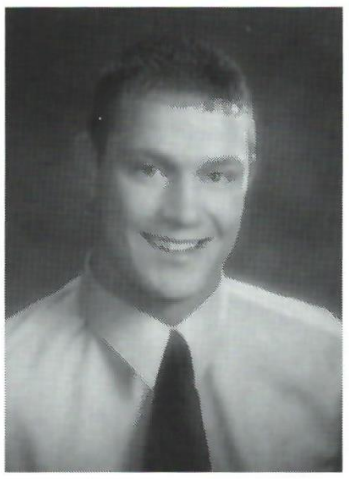
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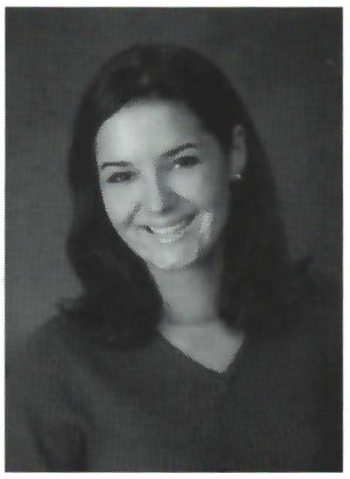
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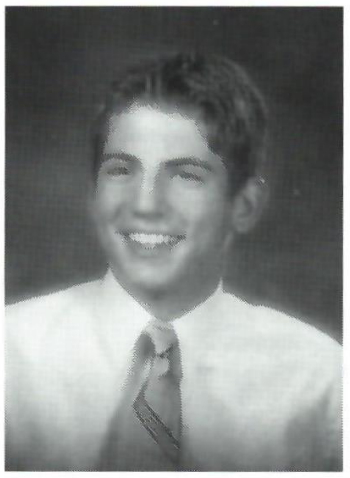
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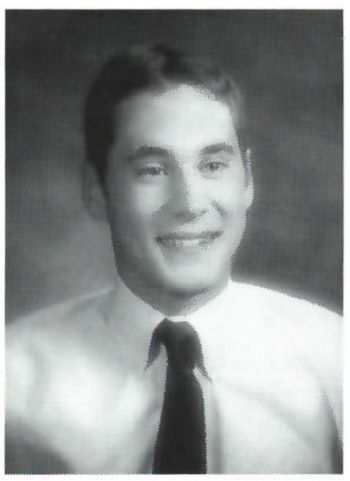
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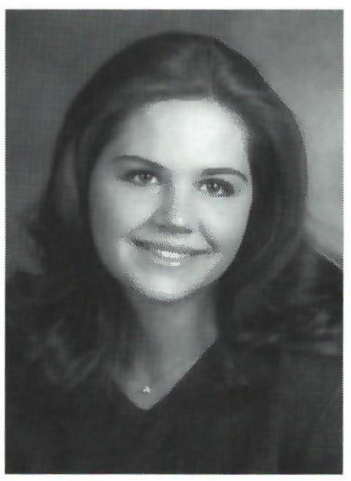
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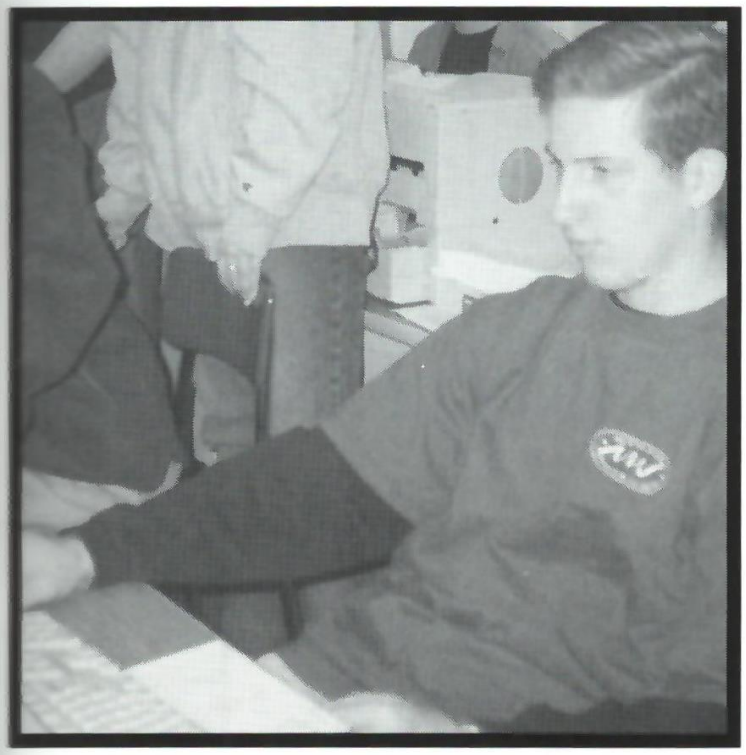

Senior Todd King searches the web during Personal Finance. Personal Finance was another good memory for Todd, thanks to business teacher Bruce Reed's famous bonus quizzes. PHOTO BY MEGHAN BROZANIC

"Homecoming decorating for Student Council was tiring but a lot of fun."

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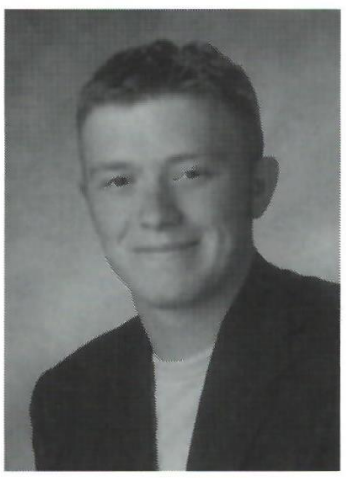
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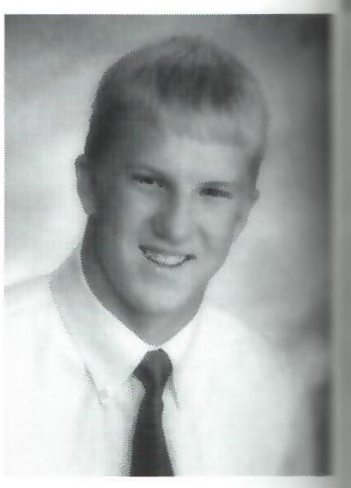
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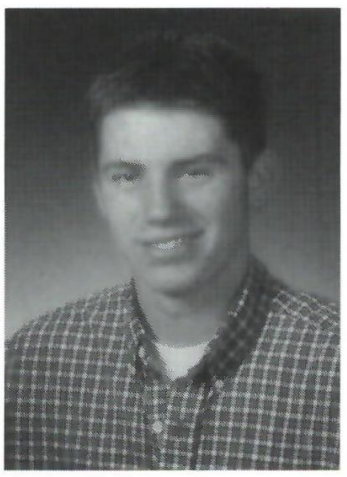
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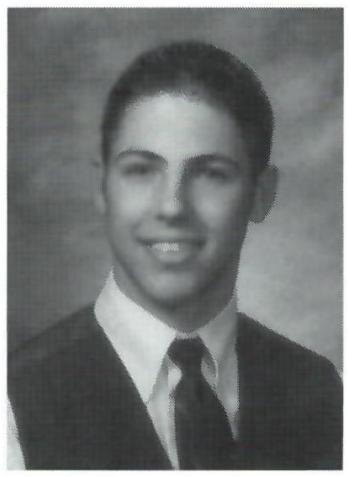
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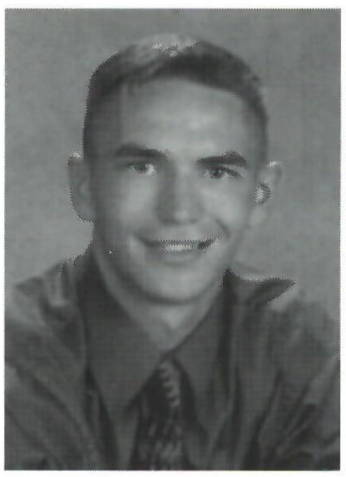
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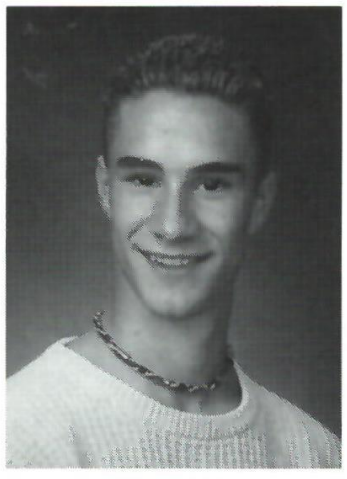
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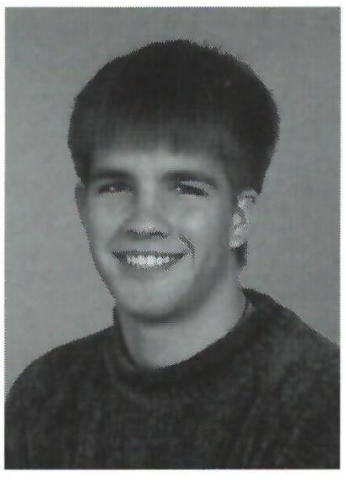
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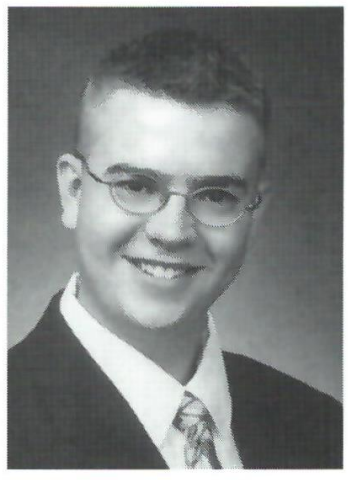
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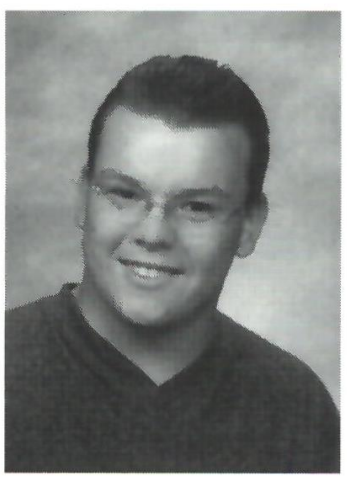
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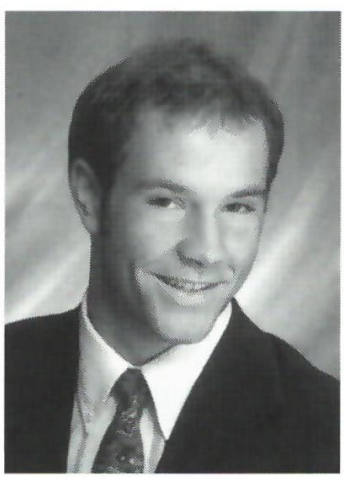
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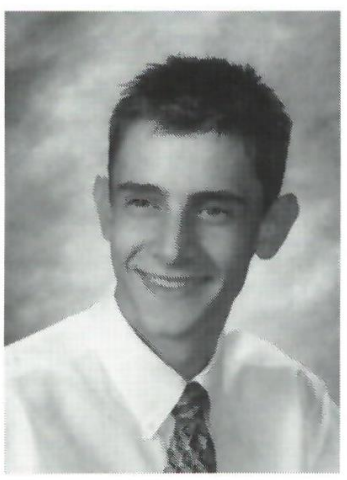
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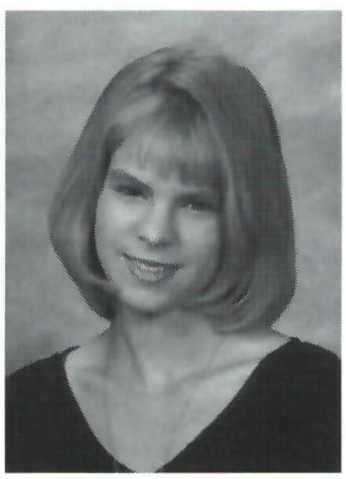
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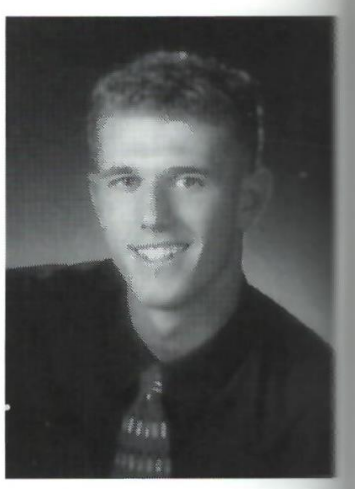
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[it's been loud times fun]

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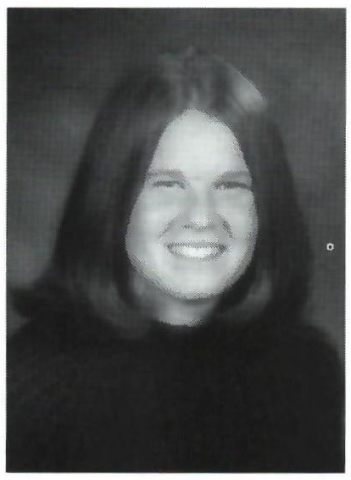
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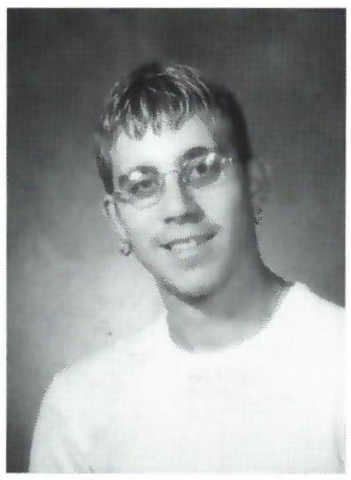
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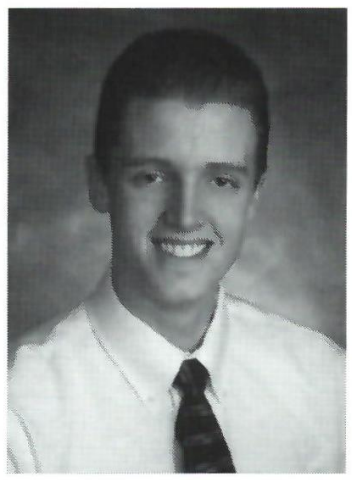
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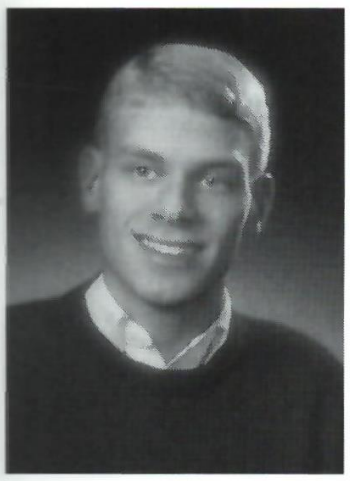
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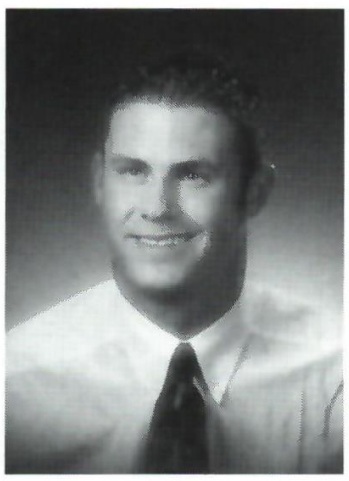
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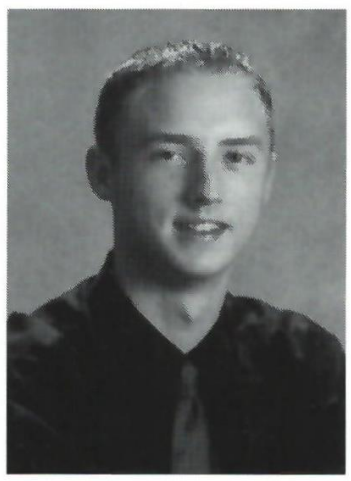
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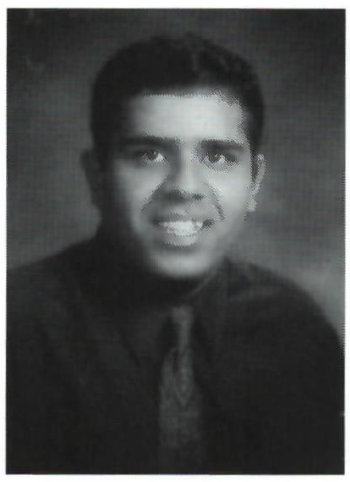
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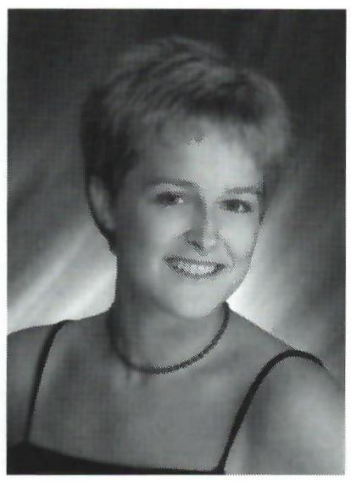
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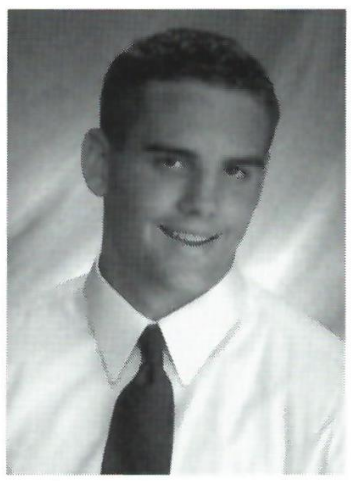
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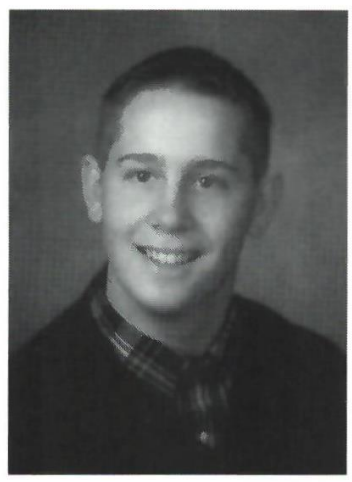
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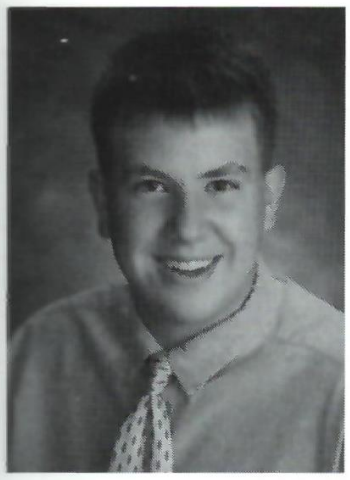
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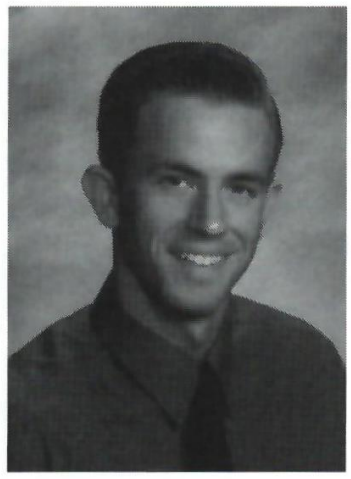
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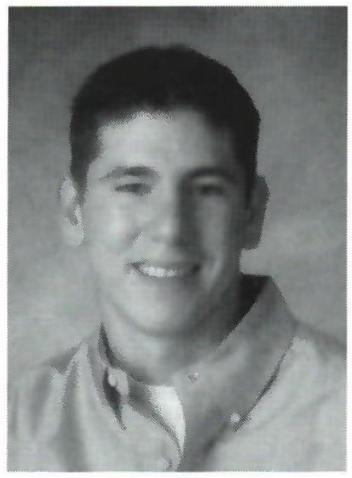
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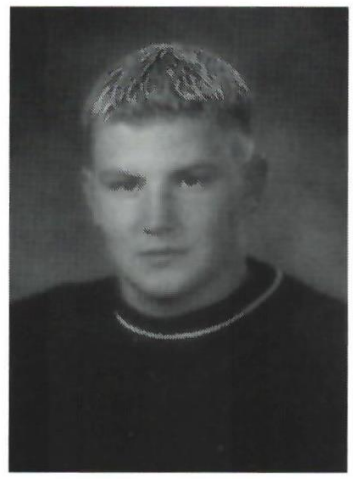
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"I loved Homecoming this year. My friends and I dressed up crazy, and we had so much fun. The best part was when the song, "Time of My Life" came on, and all the seniors danced in a circle."

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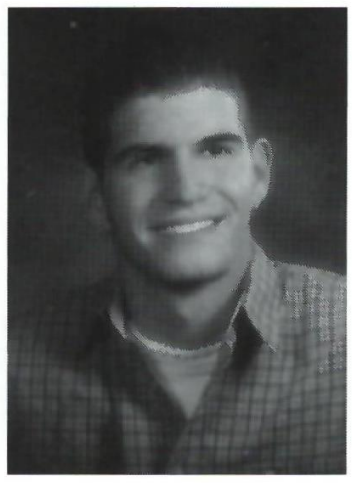
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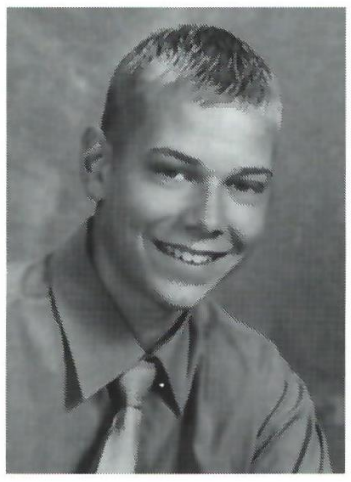
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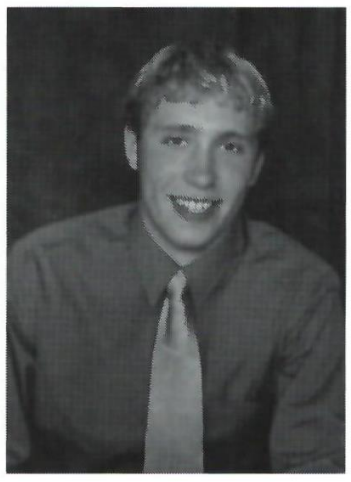
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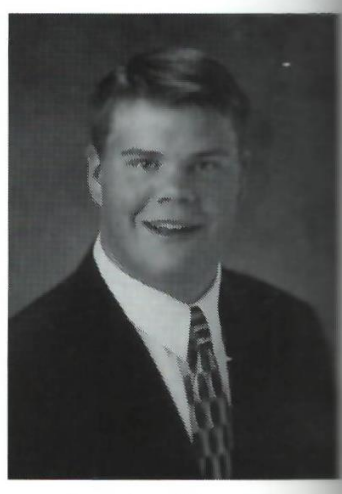
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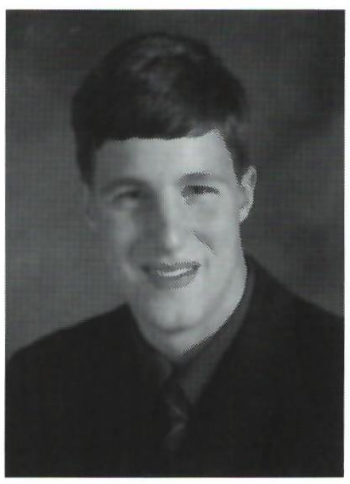
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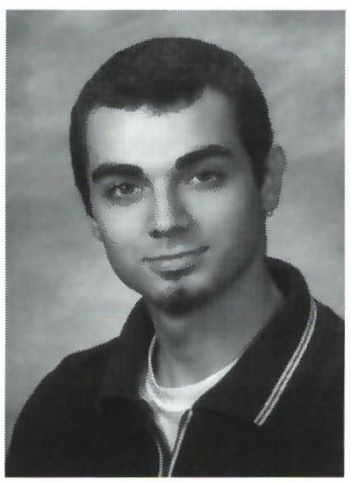
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[let it snow] school's out!

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It was 6:30 a.m., you looked outside and saw a white blanket covering the ground. You suddenly turned to your TV and watched the news, anticipating the school closings for the day. You eagerly searched for "Millard Public Schools Closed" to flash on the bottom of the screen. And just your luck, it was a snow day!

Many students had different ways of spending their day off. Sophomore Nicole Ruff slept in until noon and spent the day with friends.

"I went to Andrea Comisar's house. We watched TV and then had a snowball fight. It was a blast!" Ruff said.

For others, their parents put them to work.

"I had to shovel snow in the driveway. My back hurt and my hands were cold," junior Elliott Erikson said.

Streets eventually cleared, snow began to melt, and school resumed. One day was added at the end of the school year because of the snow days, a tough break for underclassmen.

Junior Elliott Erikson shovels his driveway. During the week before winter break, Omaha received over 17 inches of snow and most Omaha-area schools had snow days on Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 18-19. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

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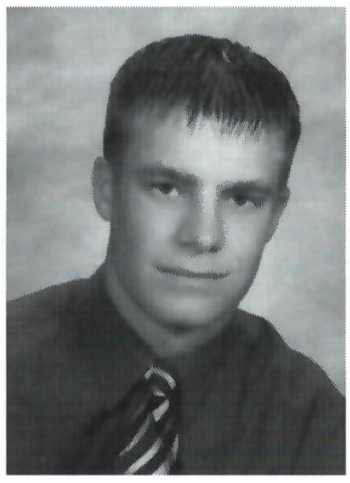
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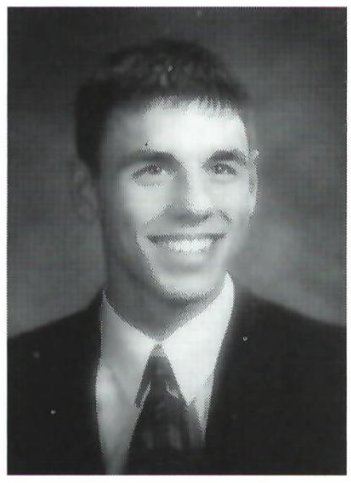
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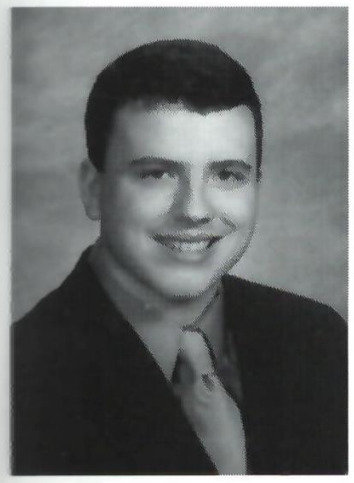
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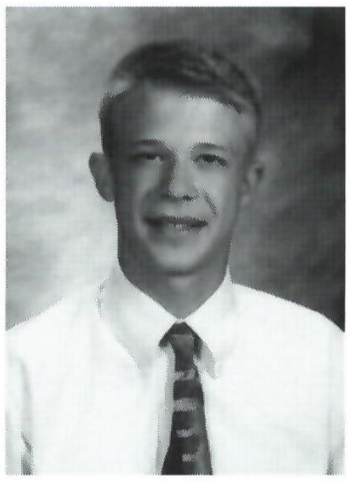
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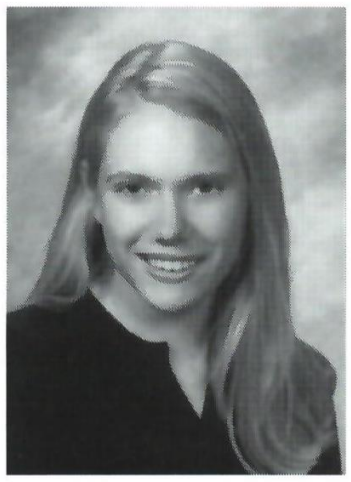
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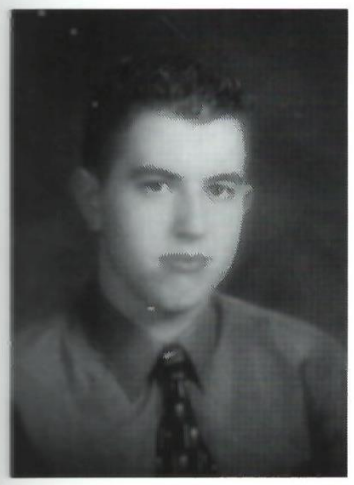
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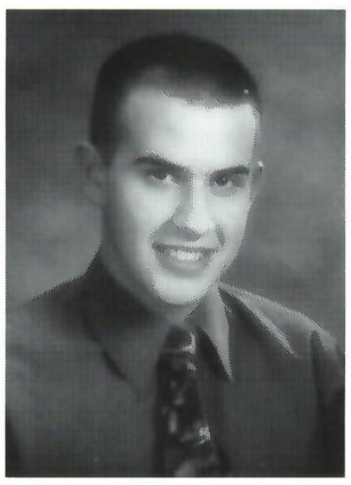
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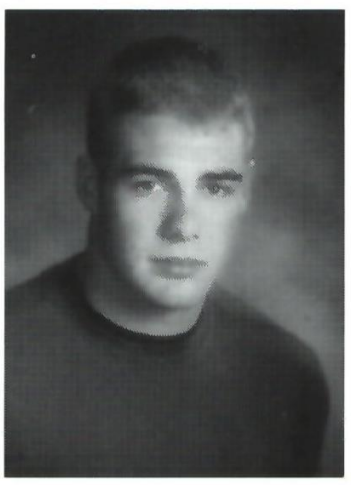
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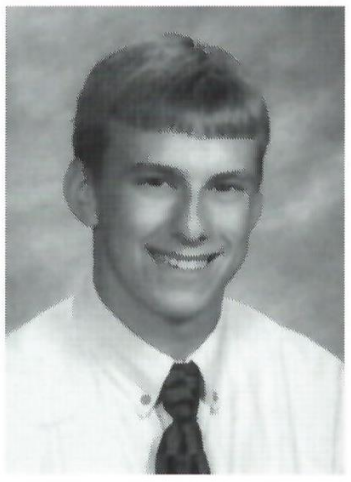
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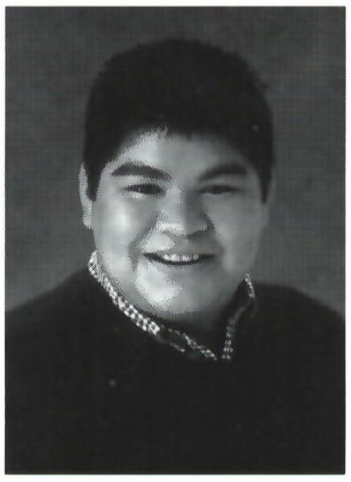
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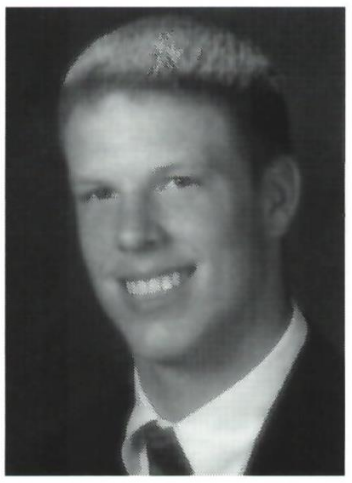
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"My favorite part of snow days is getting the opportunity to sleep for 15 hours or more!

Elliott Erikson ——— 11

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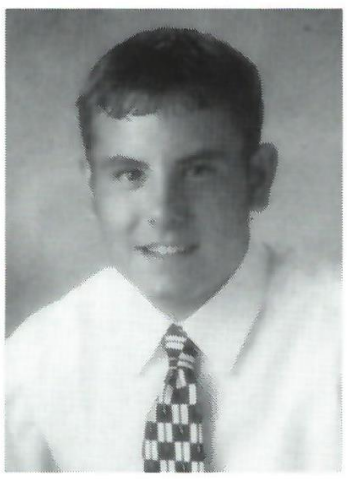
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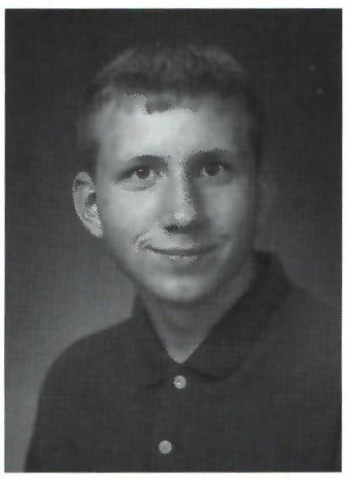
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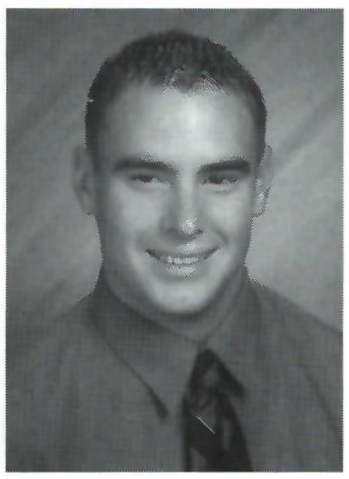
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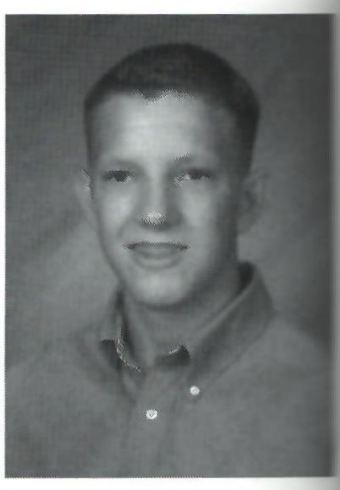
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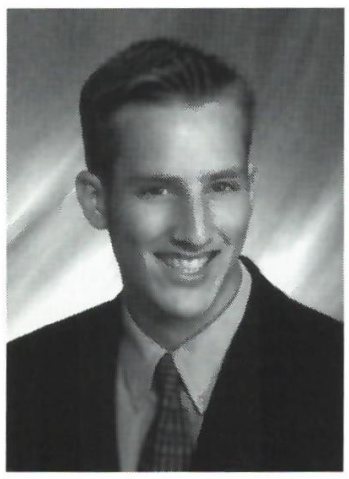
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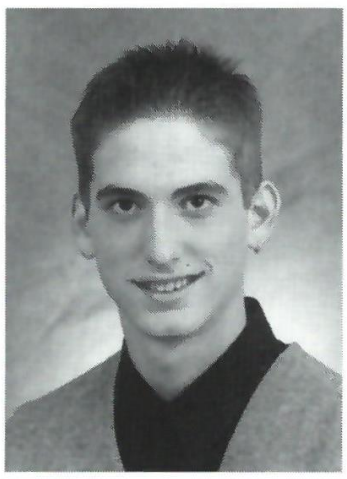
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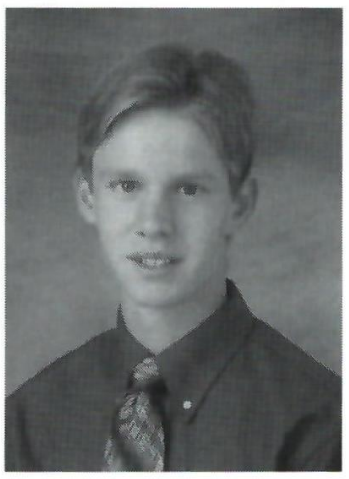
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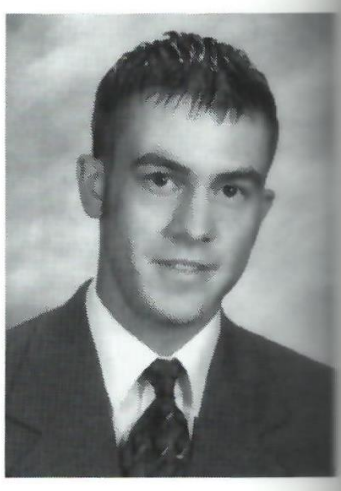
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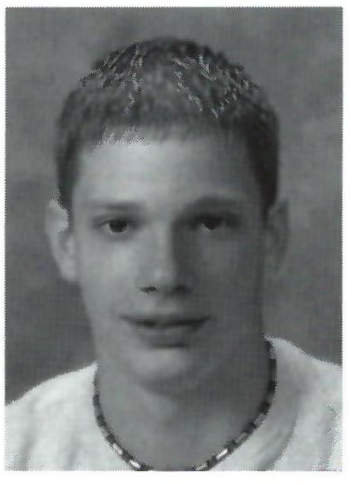
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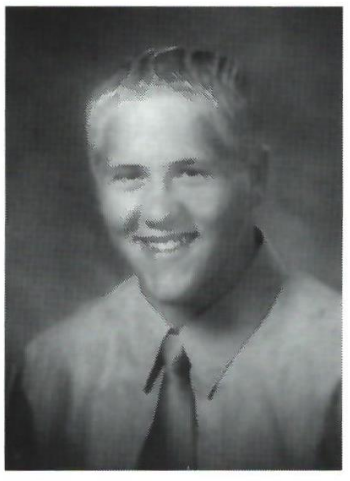
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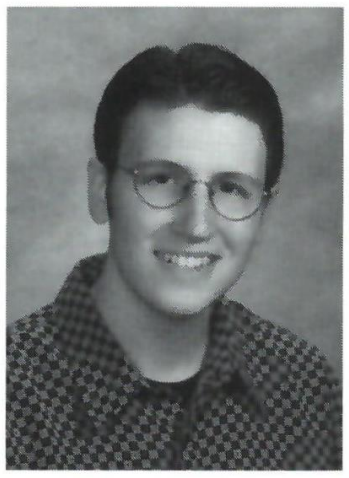
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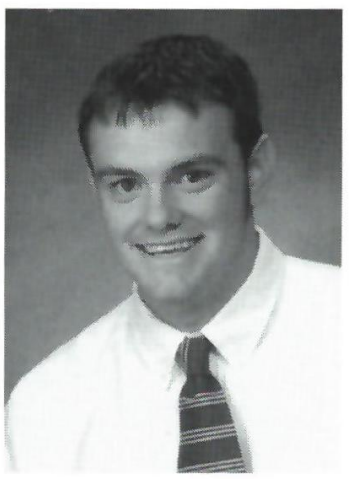
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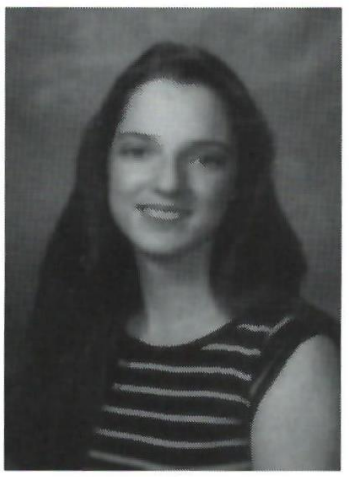
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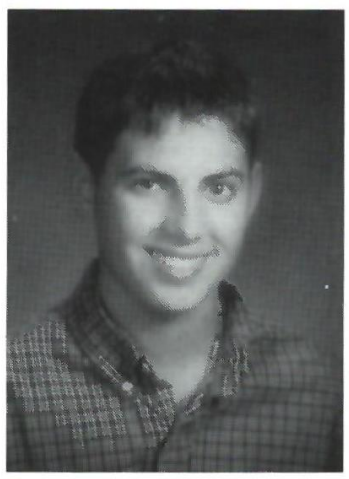
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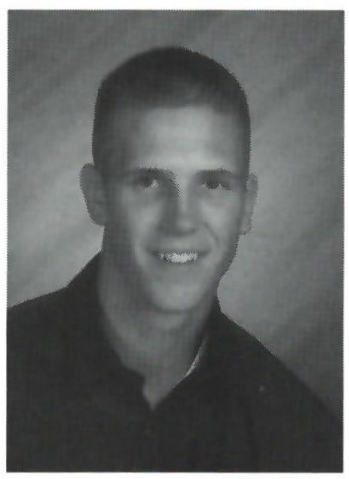
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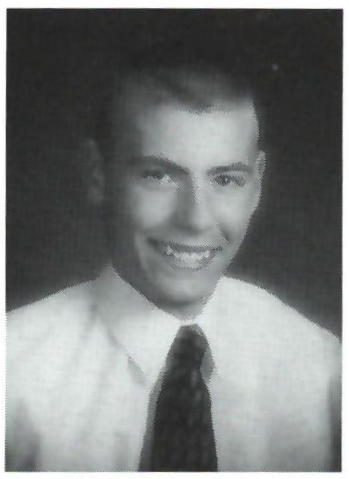
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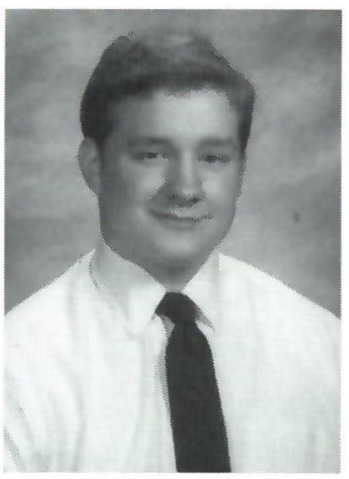
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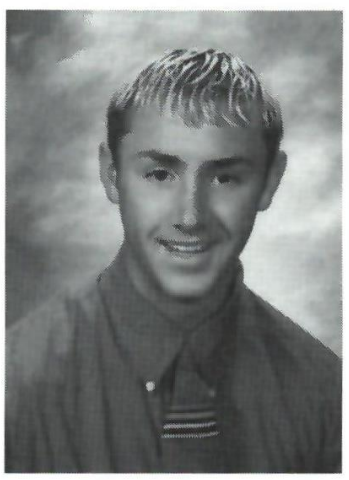
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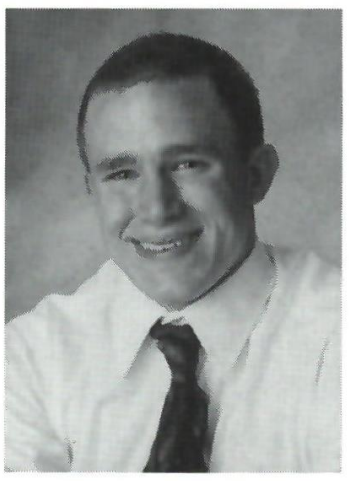
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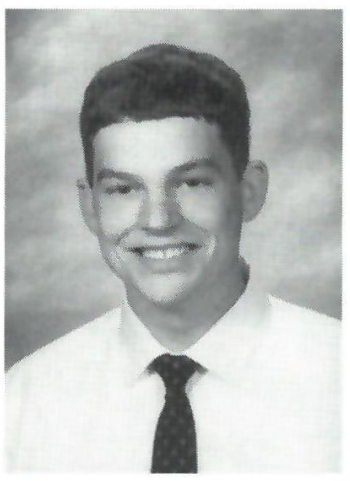
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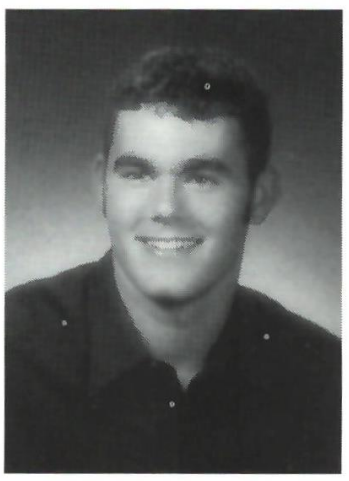
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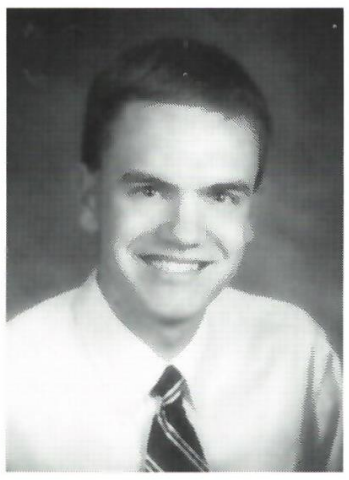
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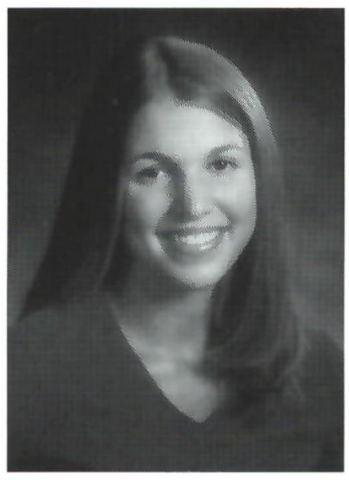
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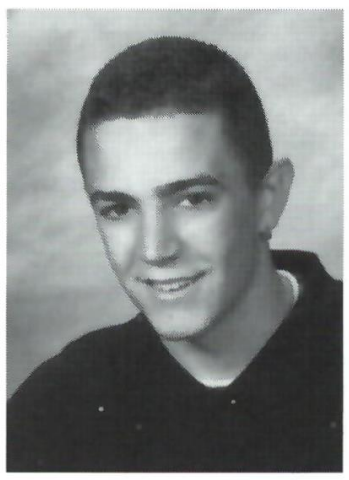
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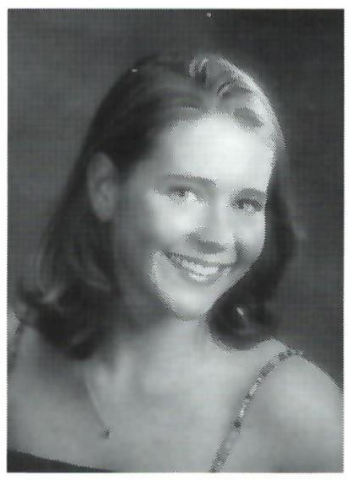
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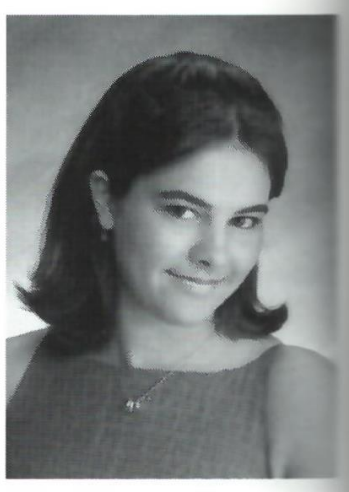
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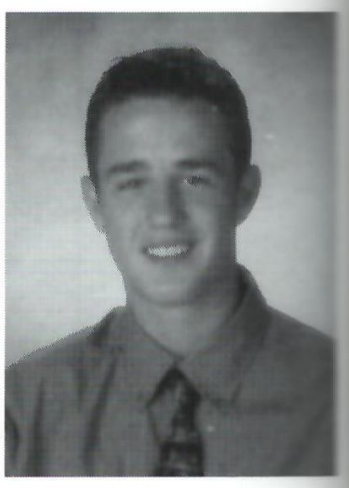
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pages by Jennifer Cooper

A big factor in high school was getting enough sleep. Many students went to bed so late that they were tired in the morning and during the school week.

"I get up around 6:30 a.m. on weekdays. On the weekends I get up around 11:30 a.m. I don't like to sleep too late, or else I willl waste the day", junior Salem Elzway said.

Many students had a chance to go to bed early on the weekends, but they chose not to. Some students stayed up late because they went over to friends' houses, went to movies, or worked late nights.

"I stay up late watching *Saturday Night Live*, *Weird Science*, and the Learning Channel," senior Donald Engstrom said.

Sleeping in had a positive outcome. It helped people become relaxed, so they could concentrate better in school and on their after-school activities.

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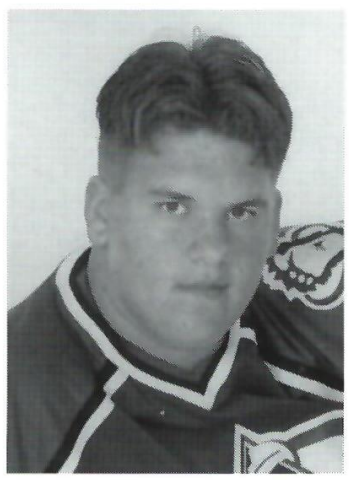
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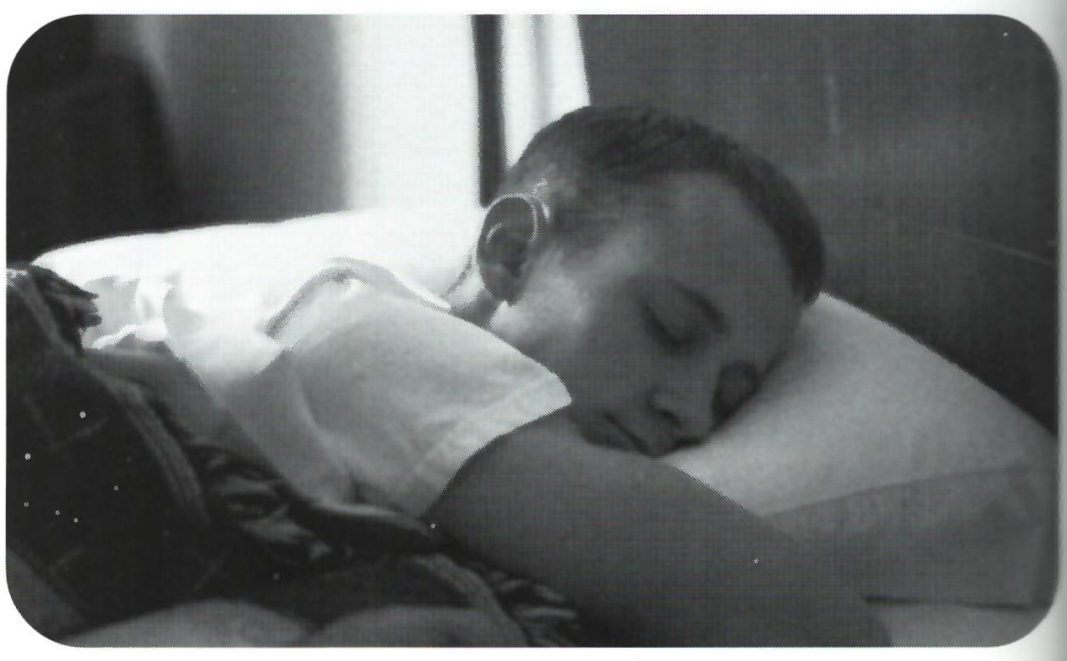

Senior Donald Engstrom sleeps peacefully at home. Engstrom said he usually woke up around 11:30 a.m. on weekends to recover from the hectic week. PHOTO BY NATE MARQUISS

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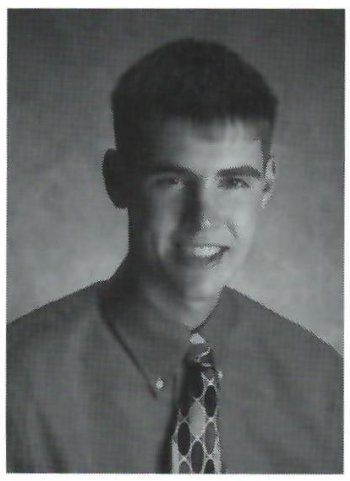
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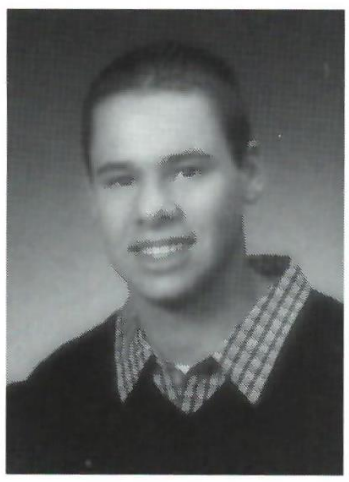
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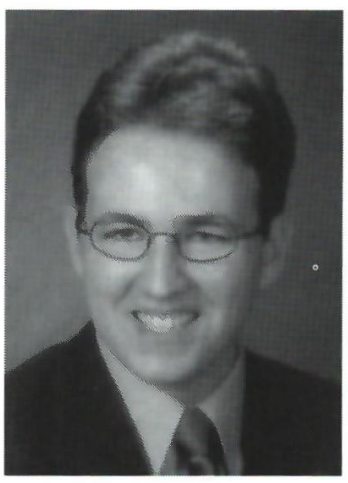
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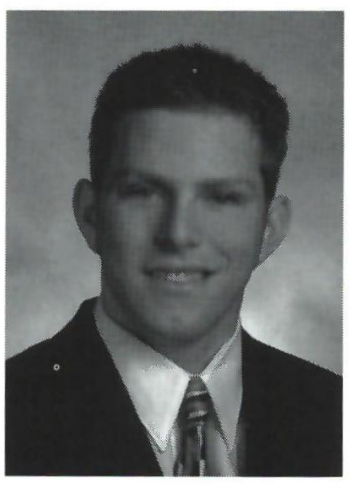
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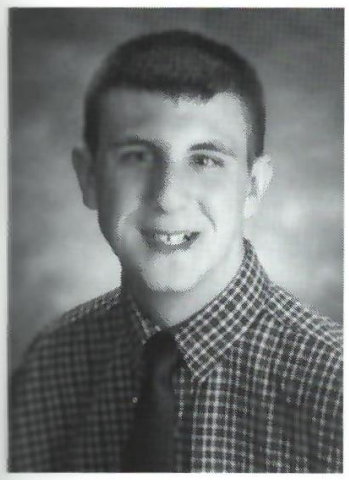
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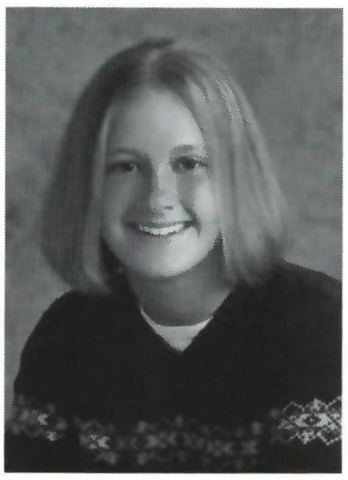
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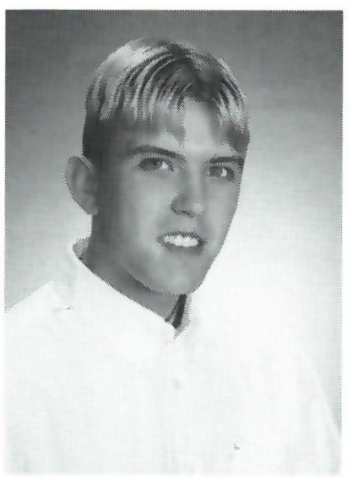
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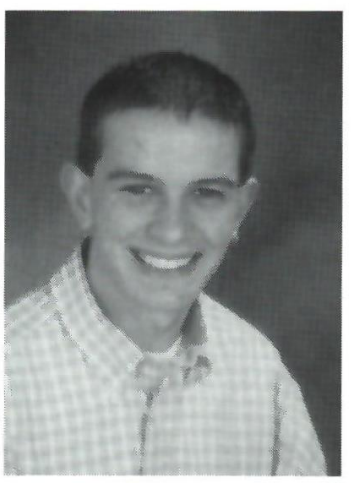
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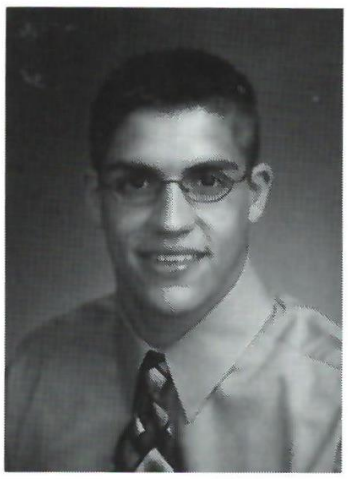
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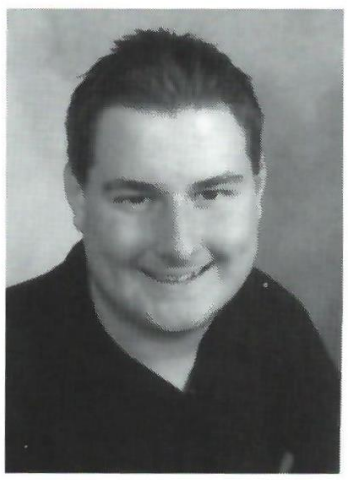
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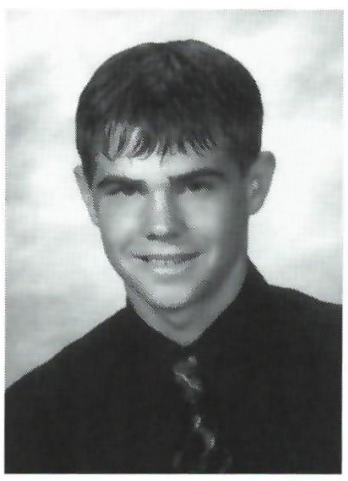
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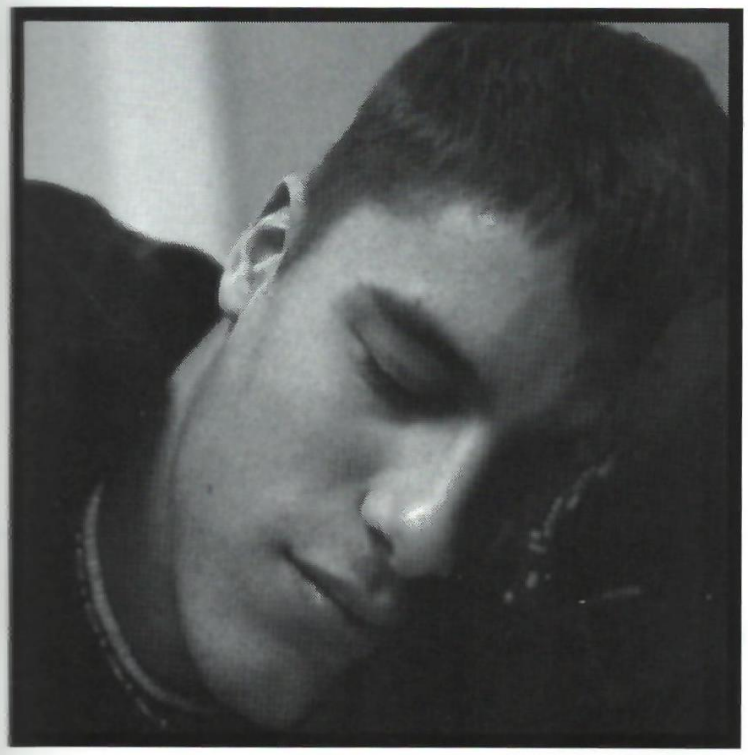

Junior Salem Elzway takes a quick nap. For students who worked long hours, catching a few minutes of rest helped them get through the day. They just had to make sure it wasn't during a class. PHOTO BY CHARLES MANSON

"Sleeping in helps me relieve my stress. It helps me relax, and then I'm in a good mood."

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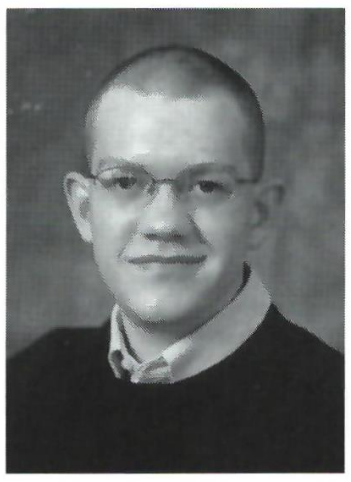
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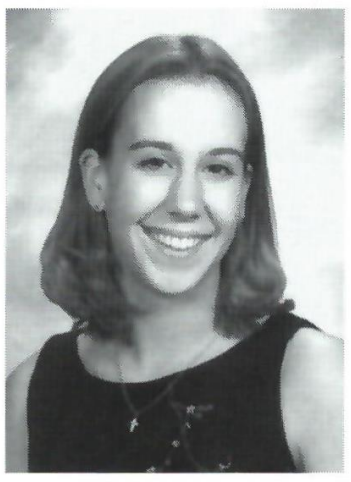
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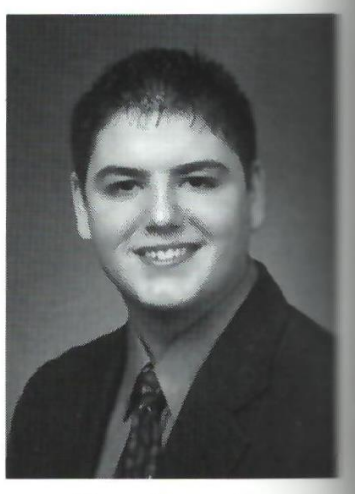
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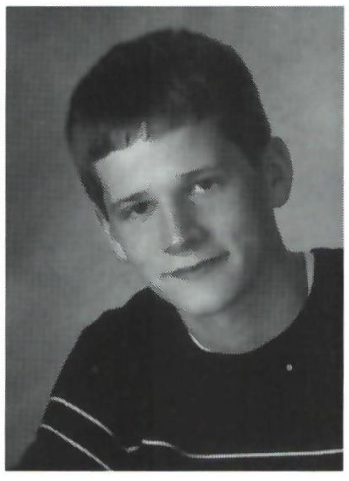
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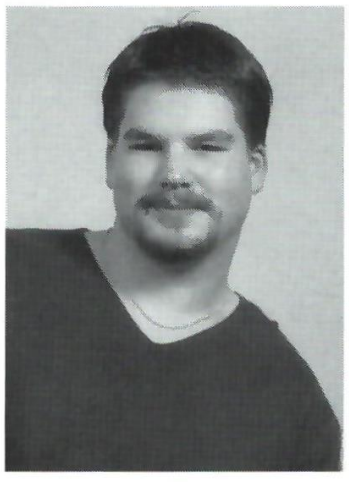
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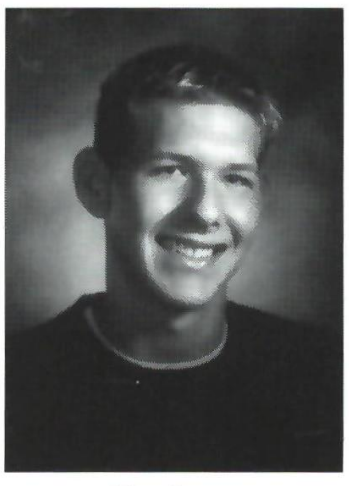
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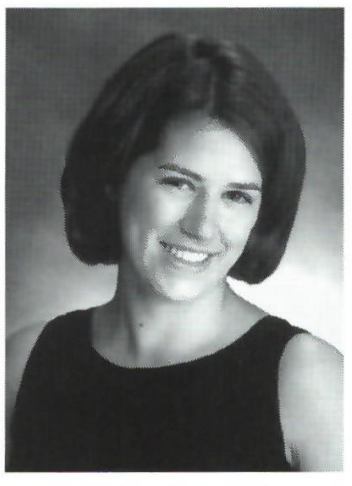
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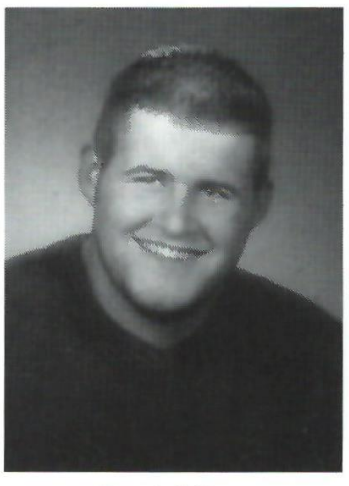
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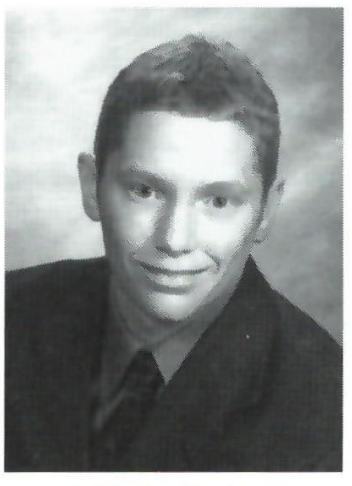
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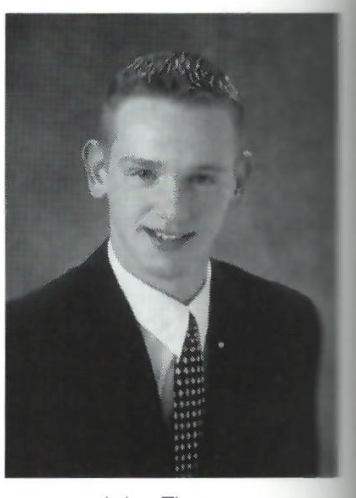
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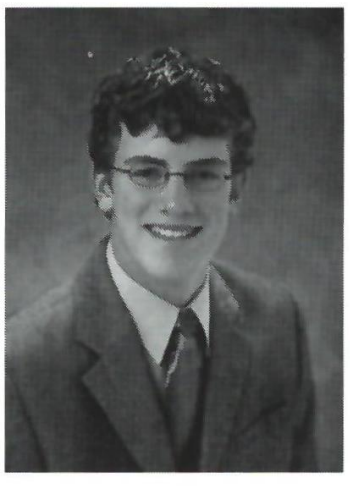
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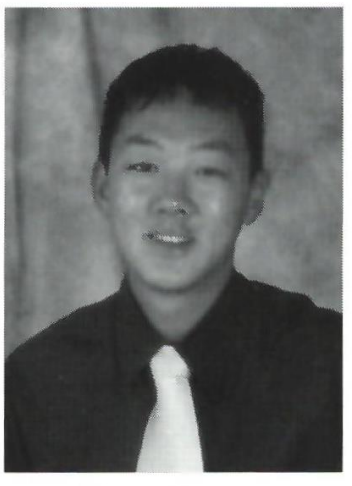
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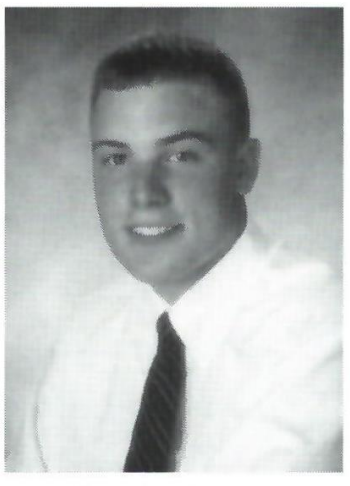
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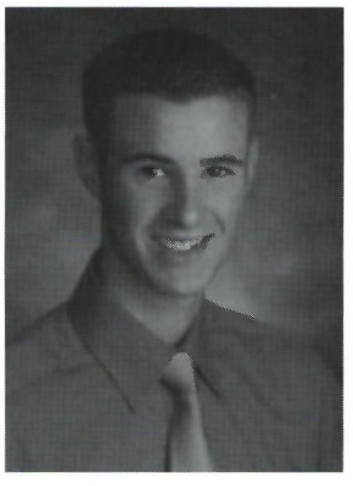
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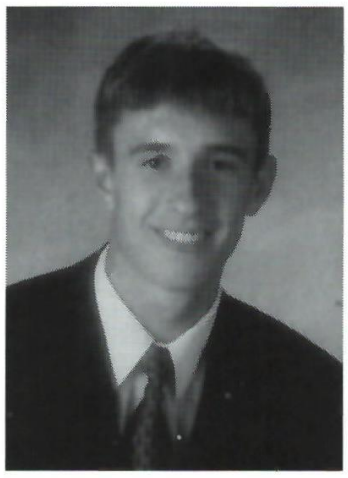
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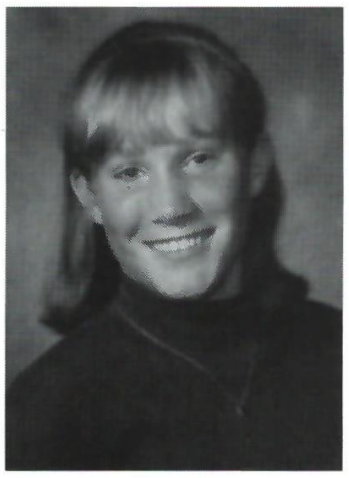
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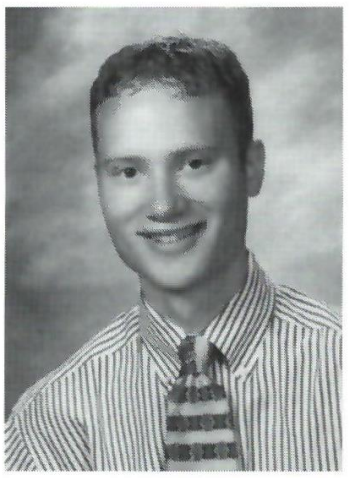
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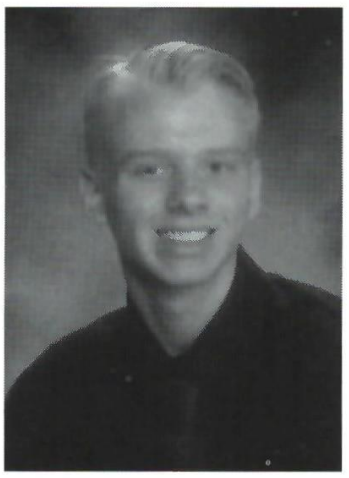
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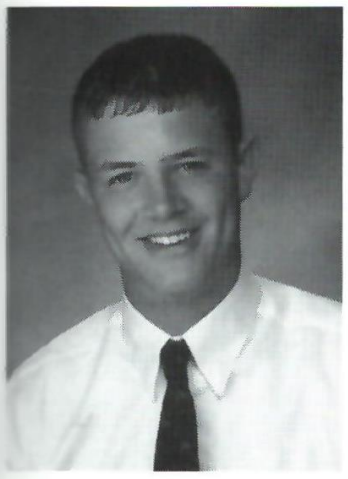
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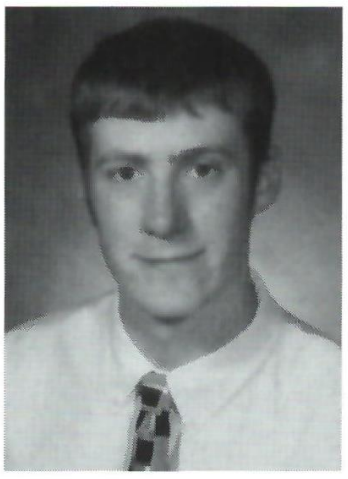
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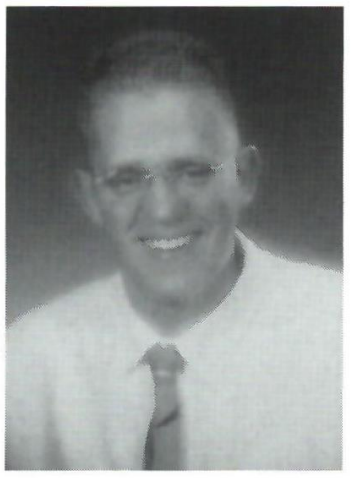
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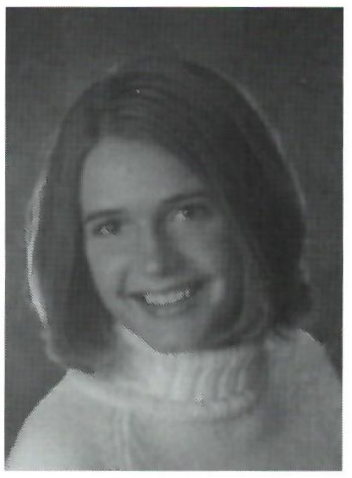
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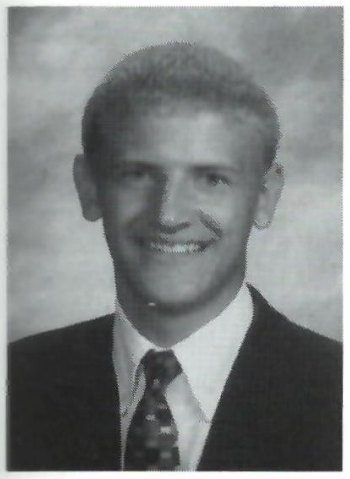
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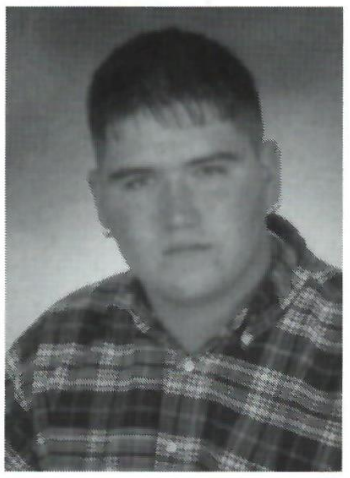
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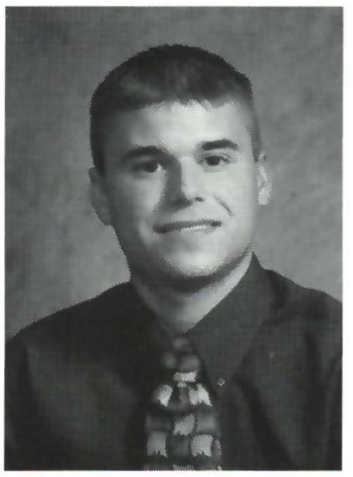
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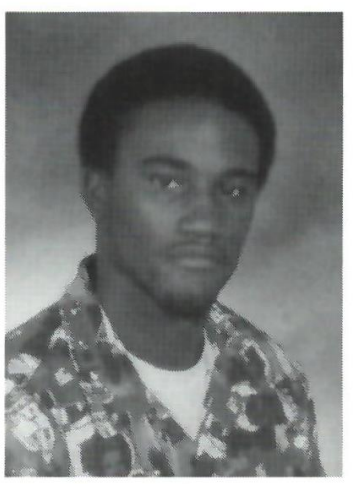
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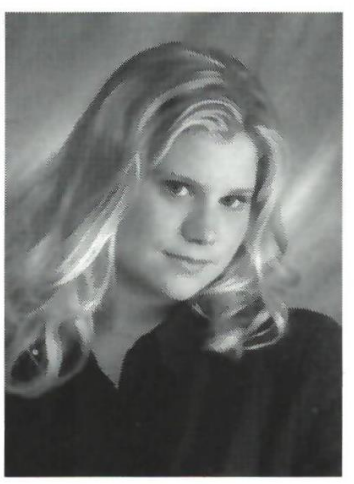
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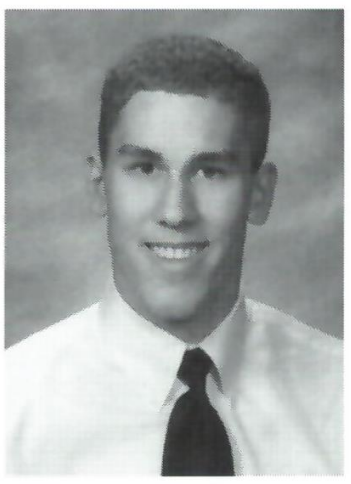

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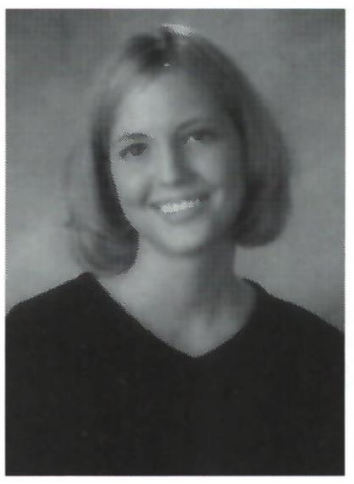

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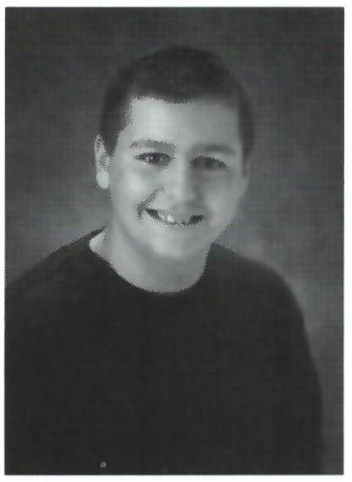

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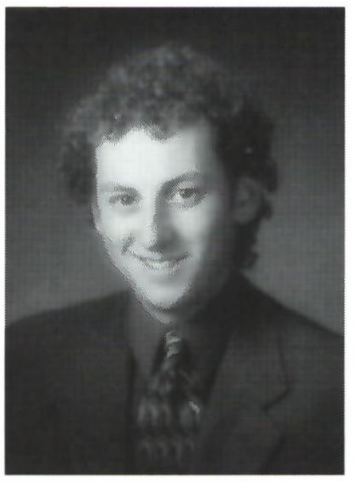

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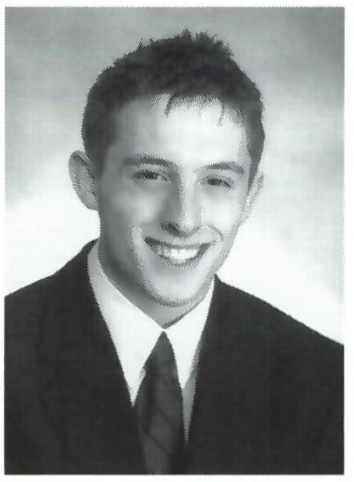

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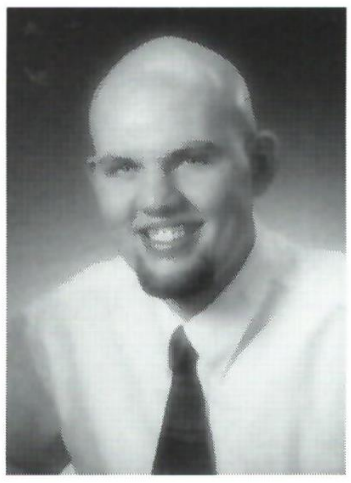

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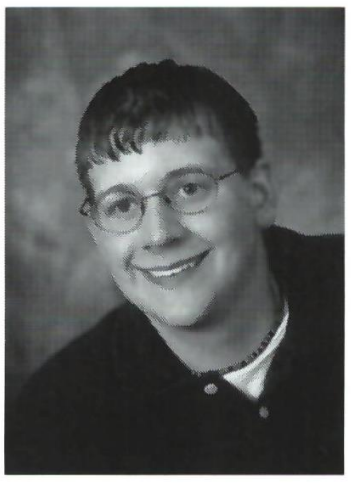

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[my hero!] how to be a hero

pages by Megan Bolmeier

Everyone had a hero or someone he or she could look up to and admire, whether it was a cartoon character or a real person.

"A hero is someone who inspires you to do your best," sophomore Nichelle Kimbrough said. Her hero is Florence Griffith Joyner. "She was an amazing athlete, and a positive role model, she kept trying even if she failed the first time," Kimbrough said.

"There are many words that describe a hero: heroic, intelligent, brave, selfless, and always helpful and hopeful," sophomore Caitlin Heaney said.

When asked what a hero is senior Bob Schaffart said, " A hero is someone who tries to do their best, believes in themsleves, and if they make a mistake they learn from it."

Freshman Brittany Sukiennik and Central High School friends Ariel Shukert, Leah Rafve, and Ann Muskin pose with Bill Gates at the Jewish Community Center. Gates was in town to play in a bridge tournament with Warren Buffet. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY BRITTANY SUKIENNIK

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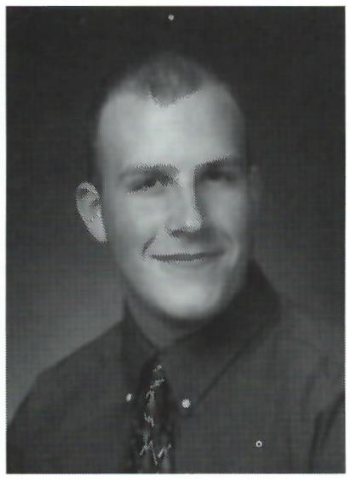
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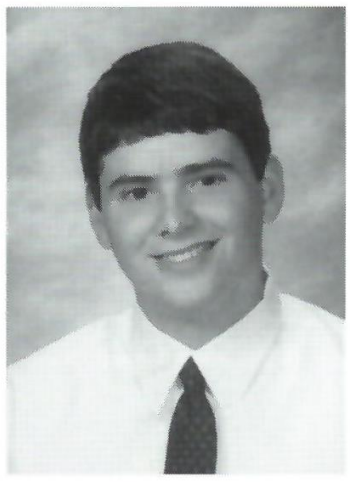
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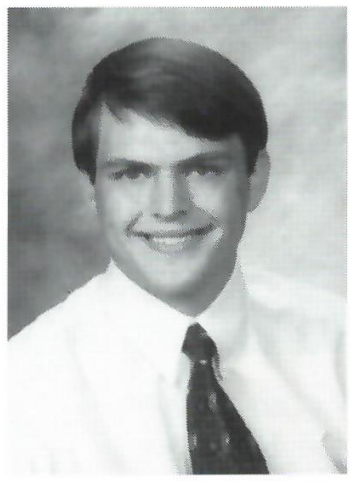
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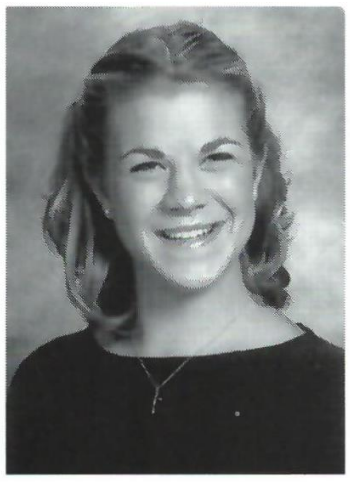
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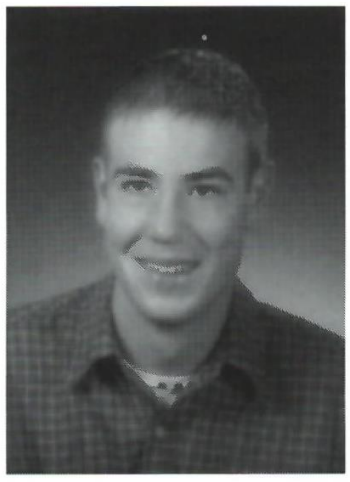
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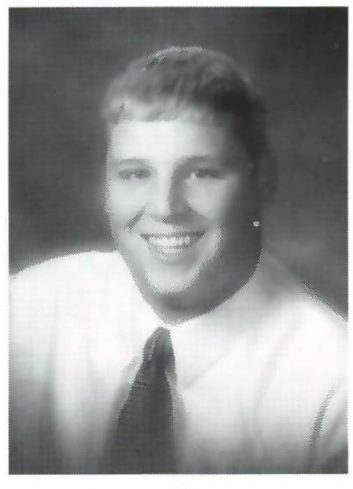
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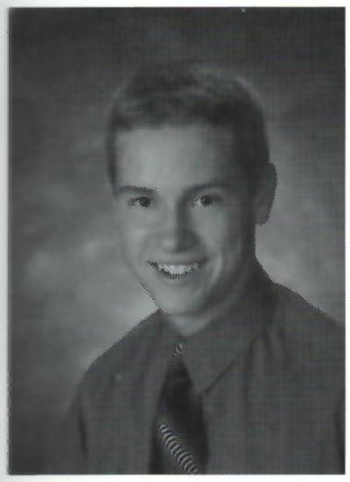
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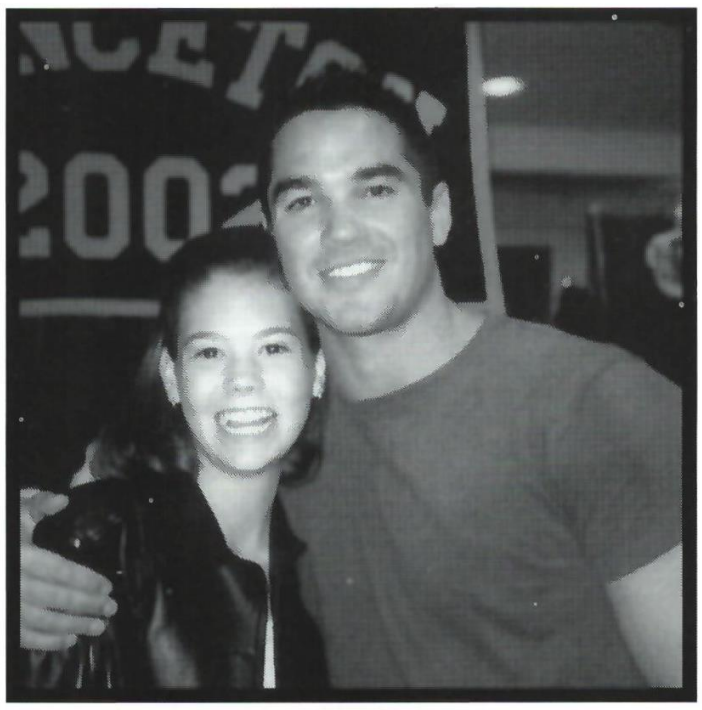
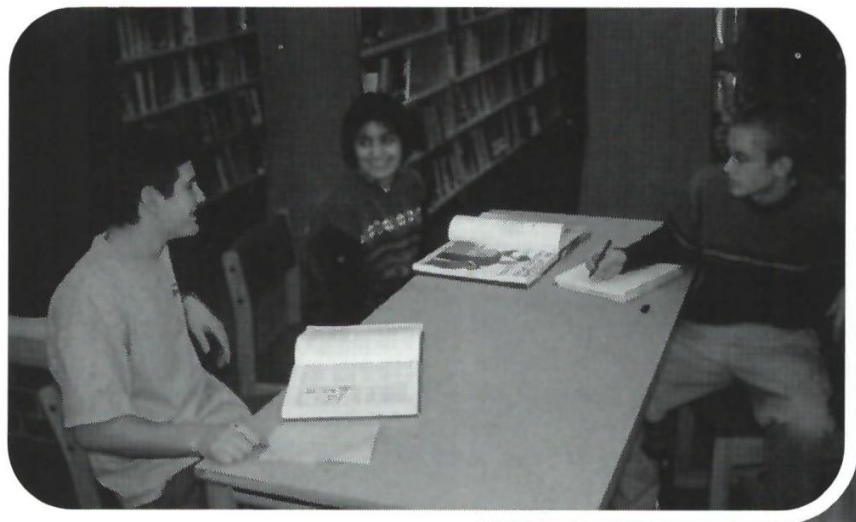


Sophomore Alyson Carstens poses with actor Dean Cain at the college fair. "I was so excited, I didn't know what to say," Carstens said
PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY ALYSEN CARSTENS

" A hero is somemone whom you admire and want to be like."

Jarrod Newlin — 10



Studying in the library are juniors Joe Reiter, Sehr Haroon, and Jordan Hoff. The new library offered lots of space that included several couches and chairs for student convenience.
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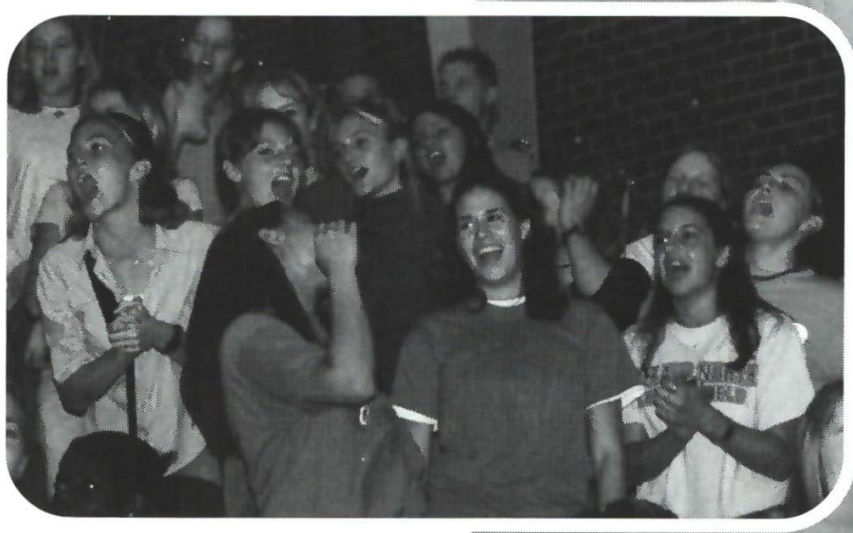

Shouting "02" back at the senior class is the junior class dressed in green. The pep rally was held on Halloween and highlighted the fall sports season.
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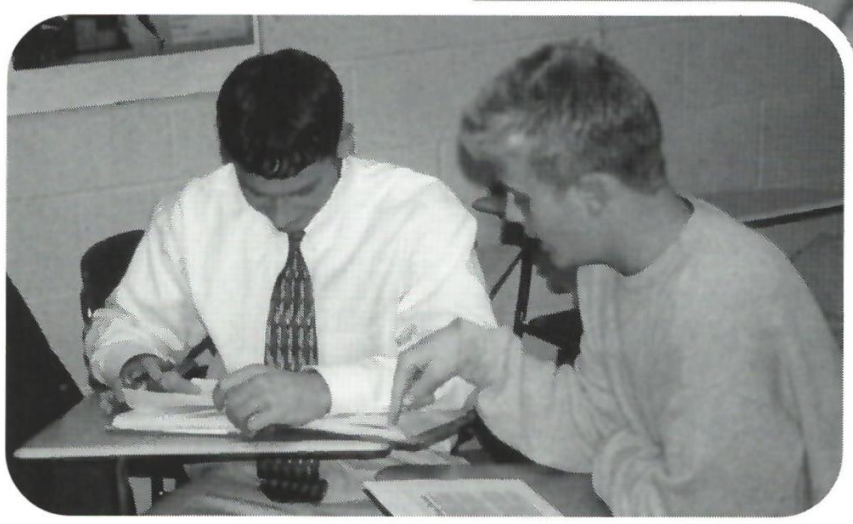

Helping each other in IBS are juniors Mike Koraleski and Craig were better than one when studying for tests.
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juniors
gettin' lucky

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Linsey Armbrust and Megan Claus

Finally the class of 2002 was known as upperclassmen. They took advantage of the flexibility of classes and more options of electives. However, they marked the last year of modified open campus. The classes below them, beginning with 2003 would no longer know the privilege of leaving the school during off-hours. During their senior year, the class of 2002 would no longer be able to leave in the middle of the day. They would only leave if they had first or last hours off. They would have no choice but to take study halls between classes.

"I looked forward to being able to leave on my off-hours for the past three years. Now that it is being taken away, I think that we are being treated like freshmen. We should get the same privileges as all the seniors in the past have," junior Ashley Rosenboom said.

With only one year left in high school, juniors had to start to worry about getting good grades in order to get accepted into colleges.

"I think that this year is more challenging than the past two years. You have to work harder and get good grades, because this is the year that colleges look at," junior Heather Reiner said.

Juniors Cody Peratt, Kim Burnham, and Allie Lepp work on a project in Sue Roberts' mass media class. One of the projects was to create a real news broadcast which took about a week to complete. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

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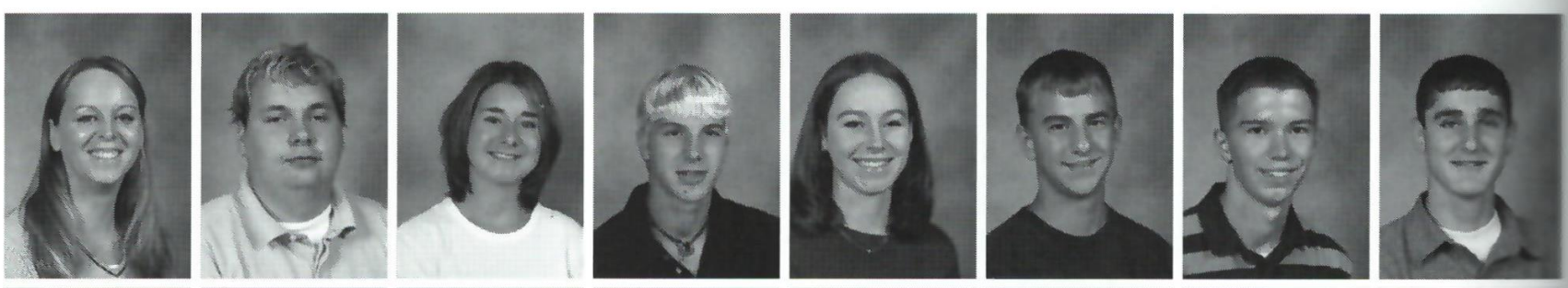

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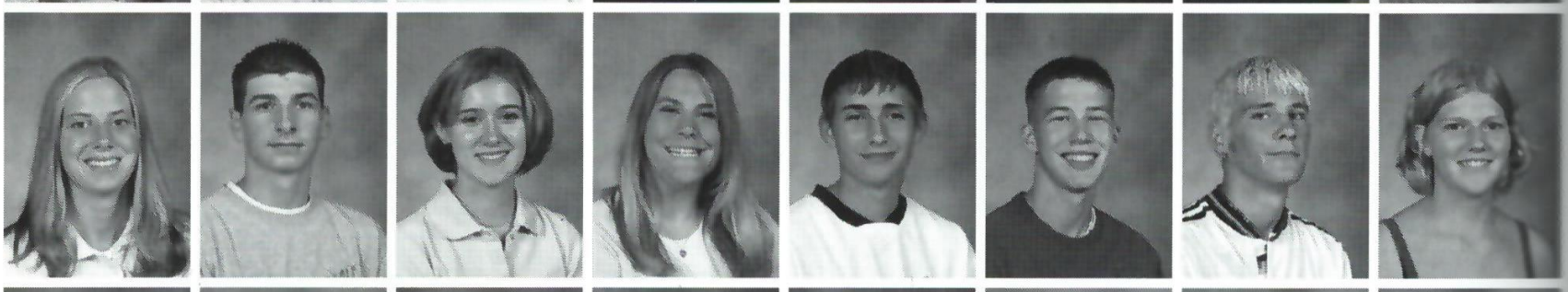

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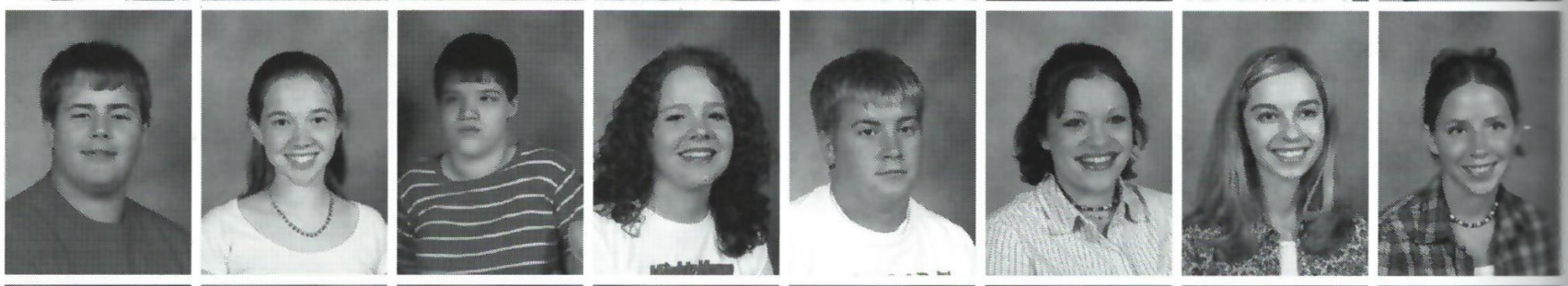

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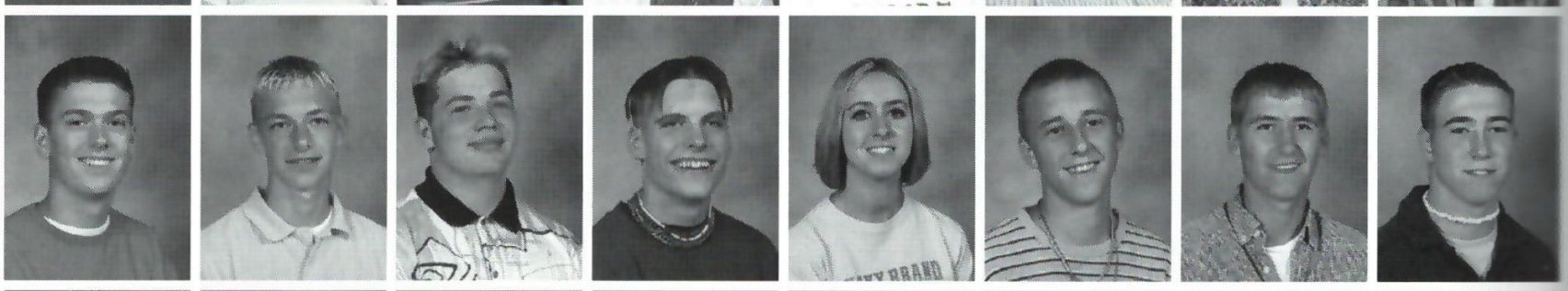

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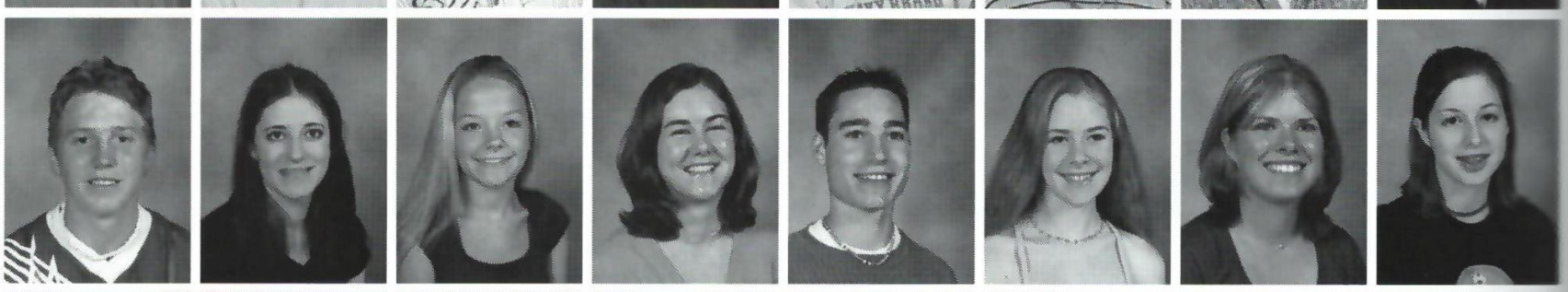

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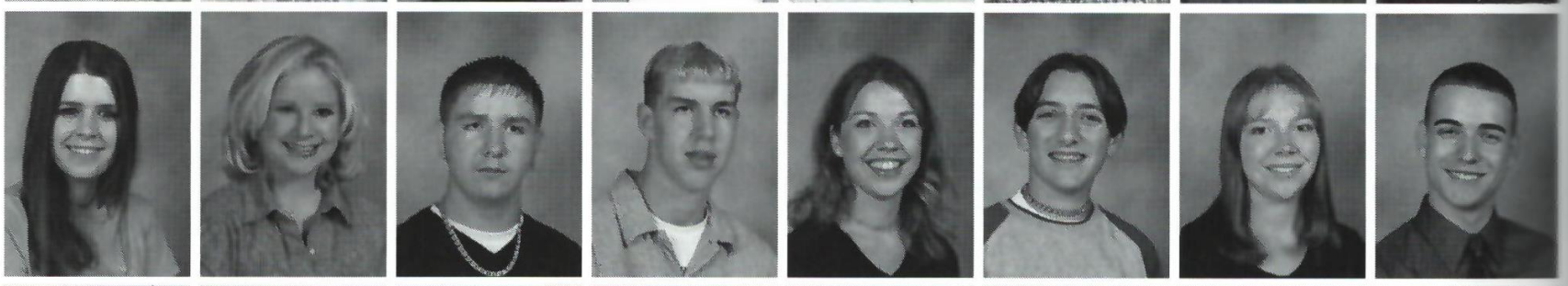

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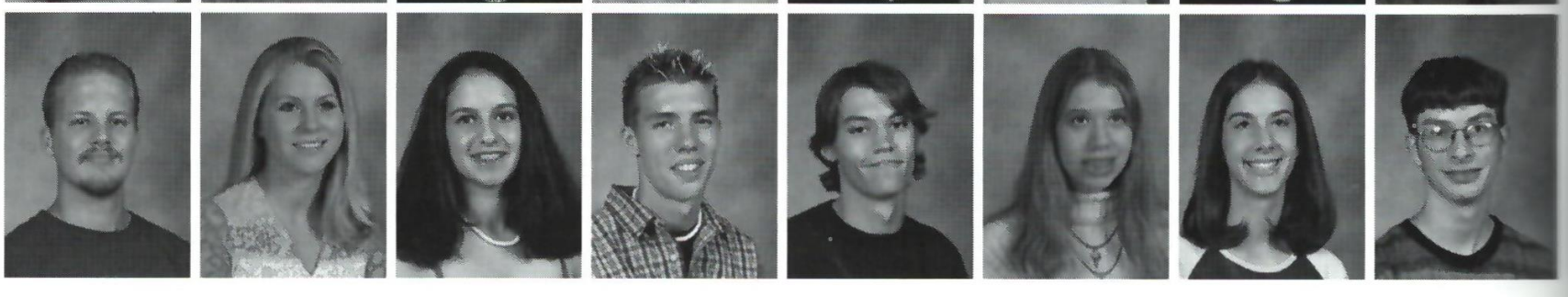

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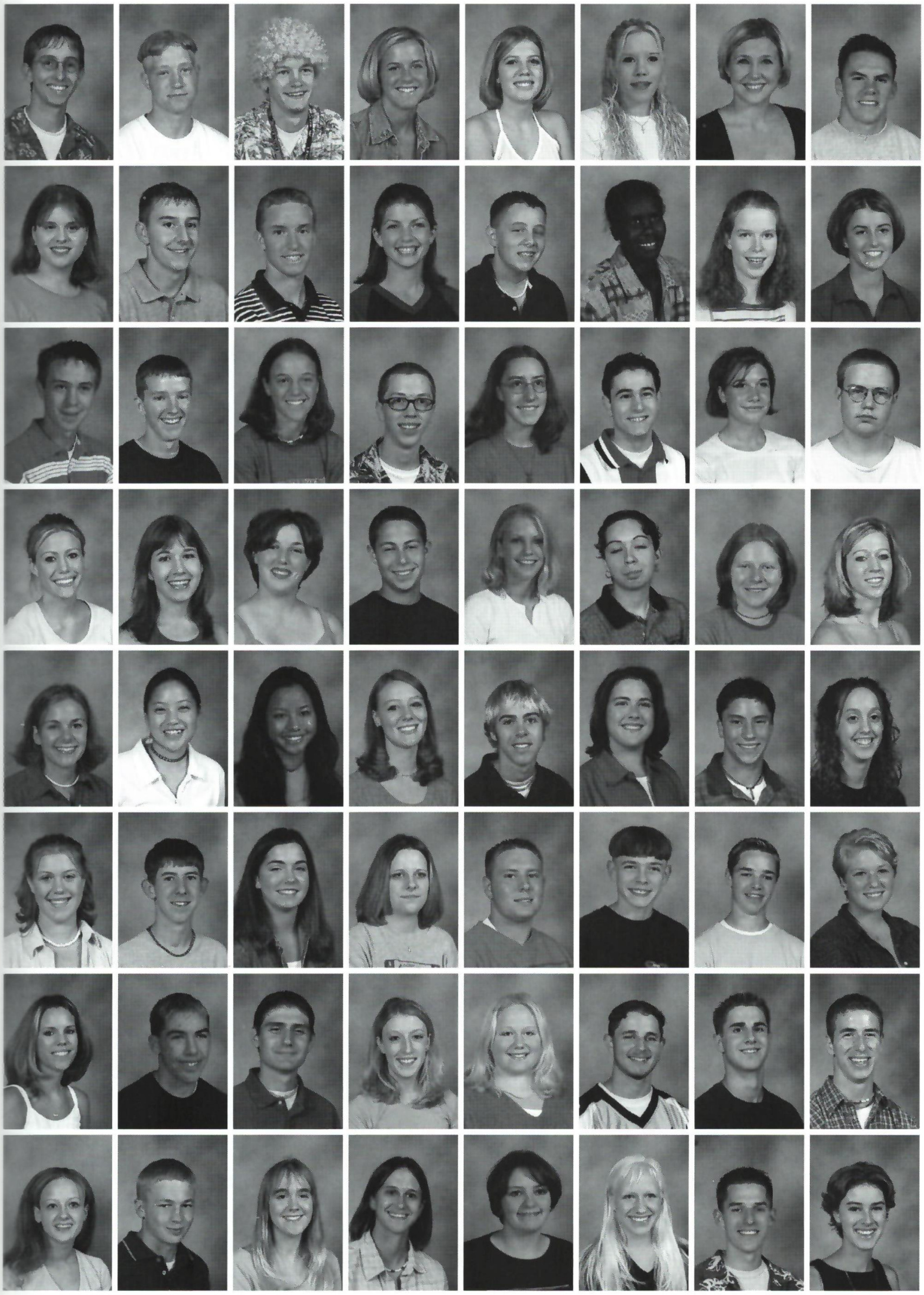

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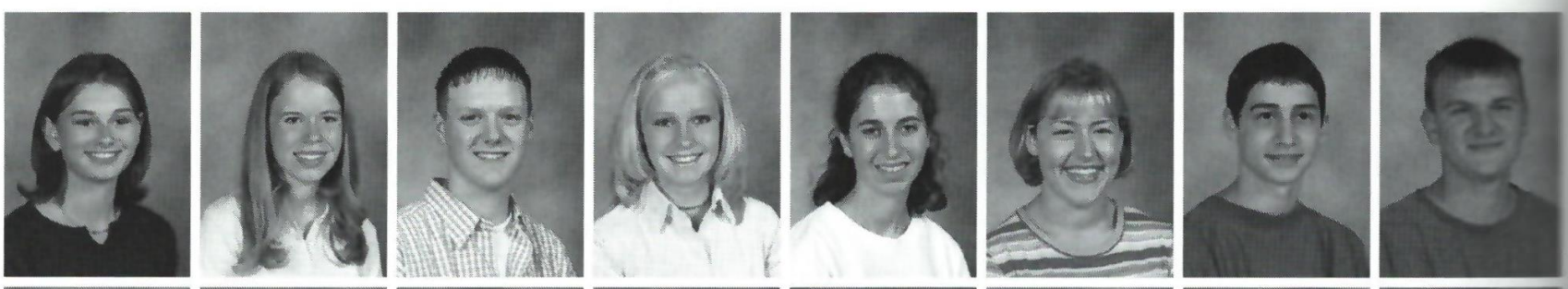

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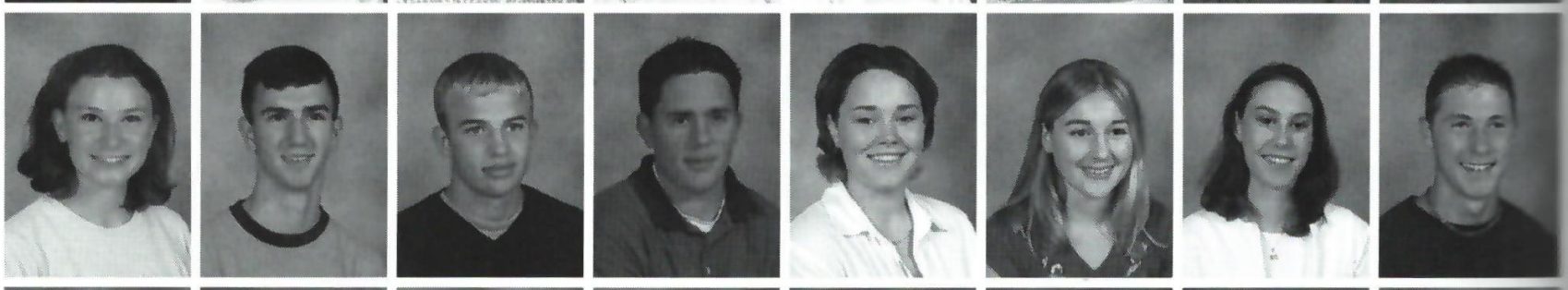

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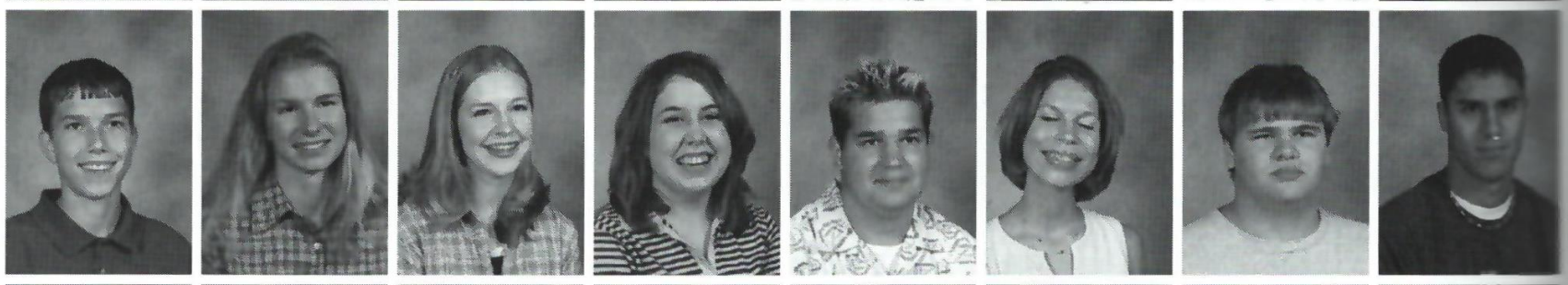

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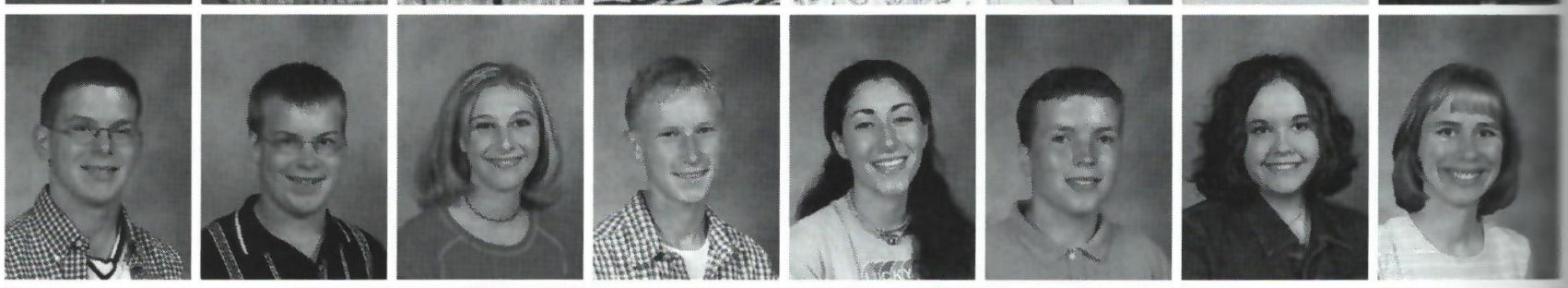

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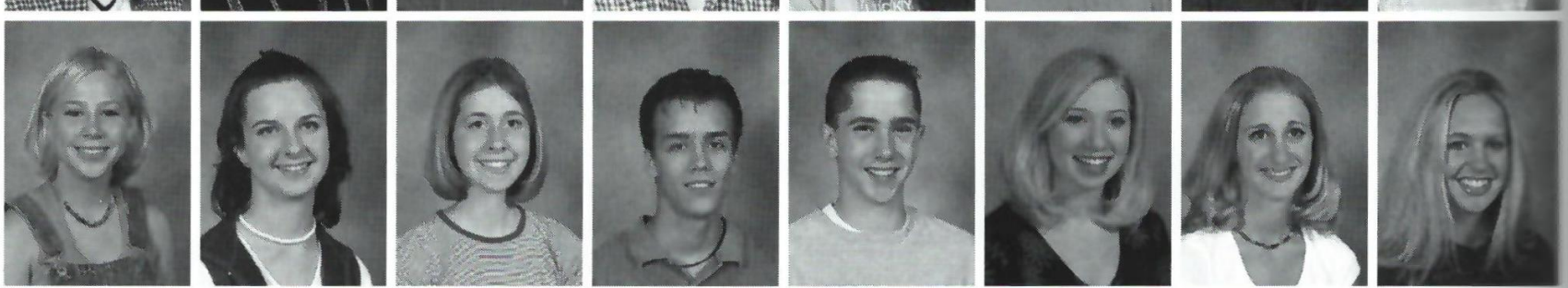

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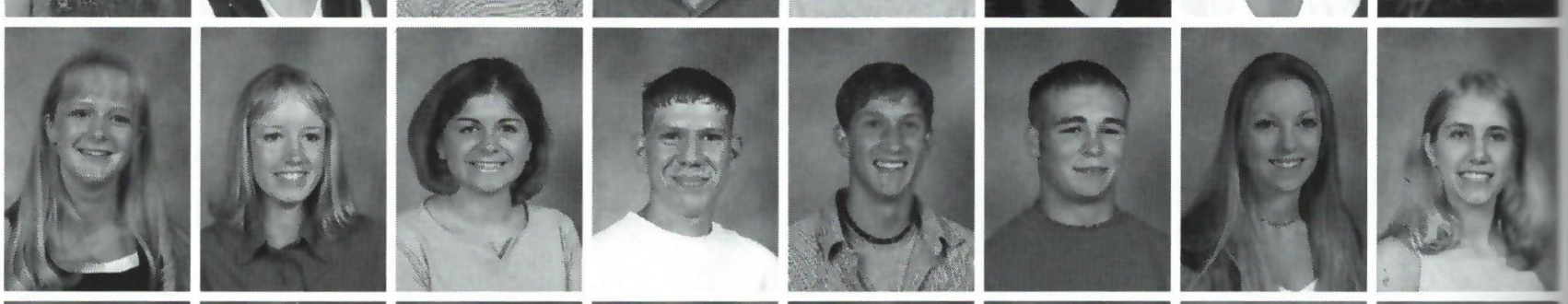

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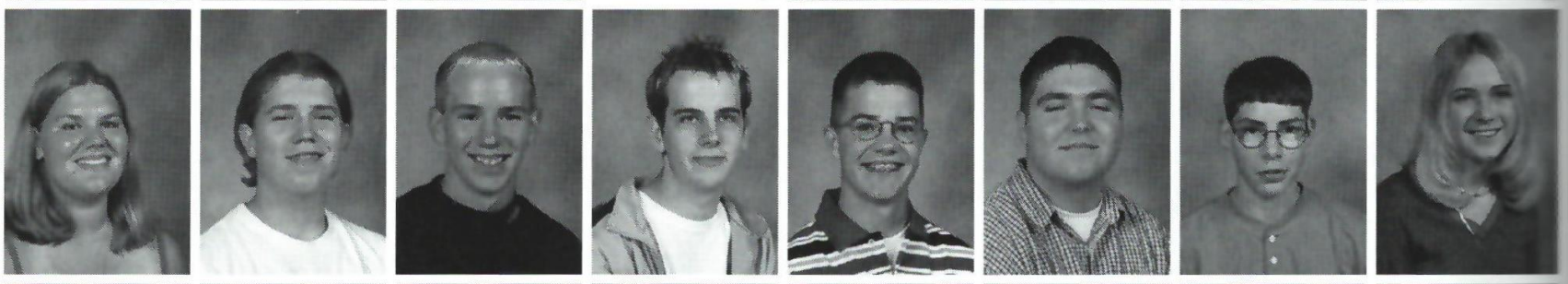

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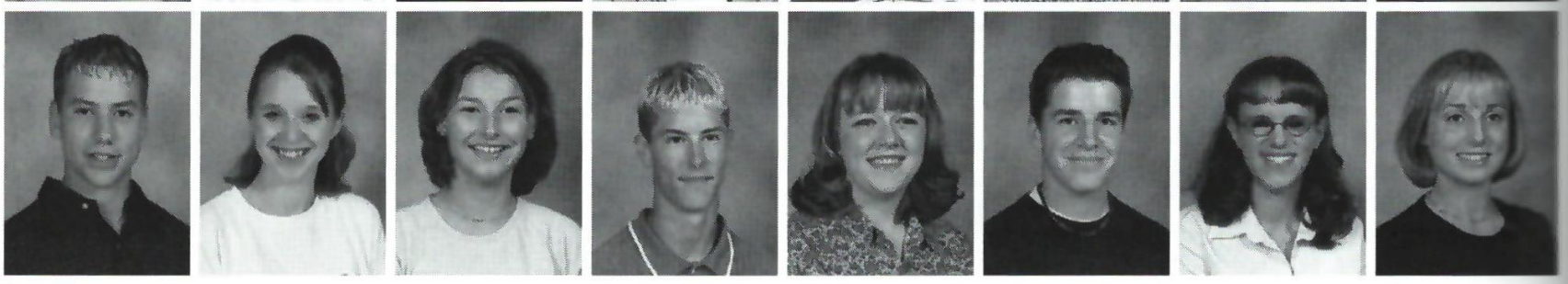

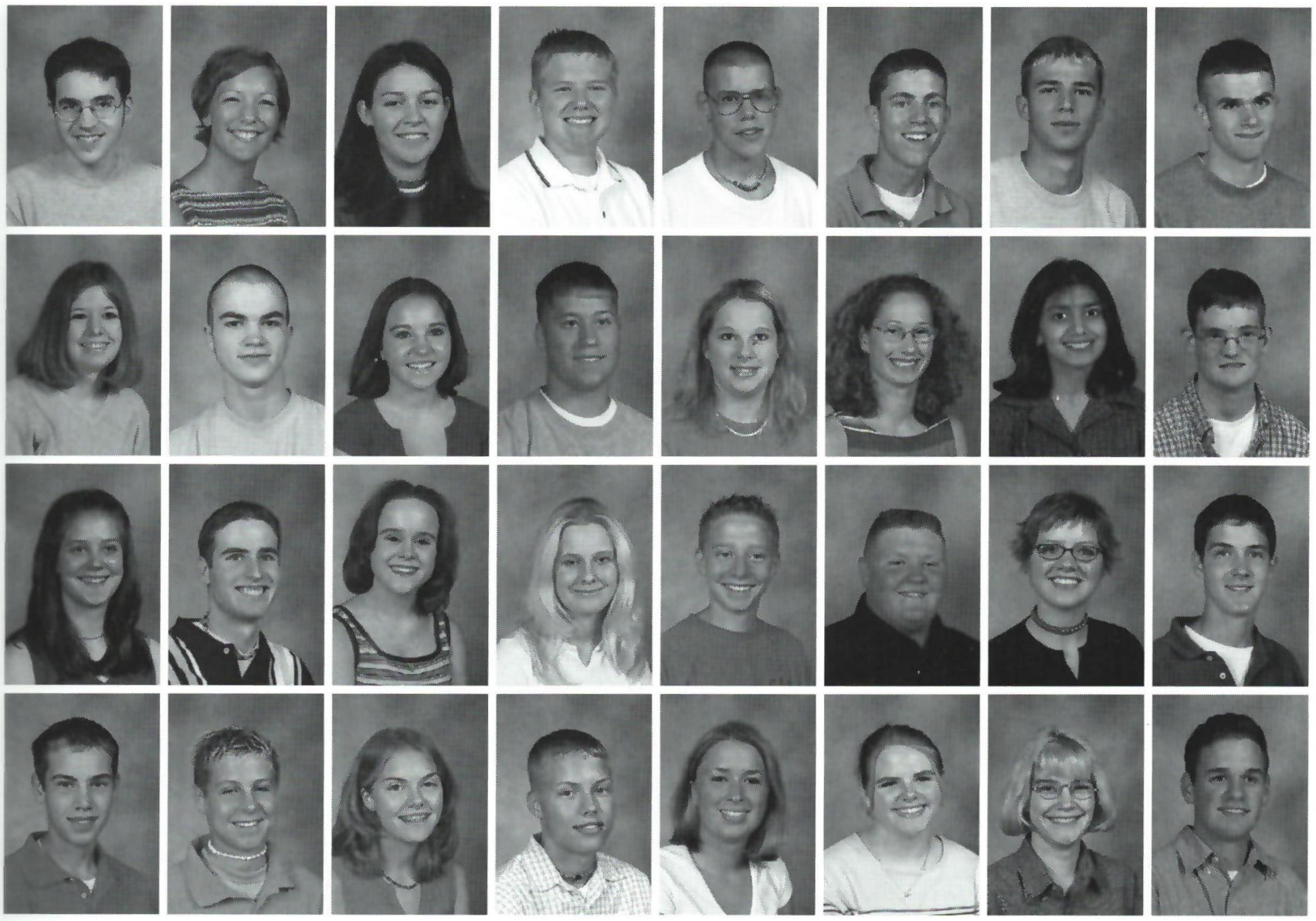

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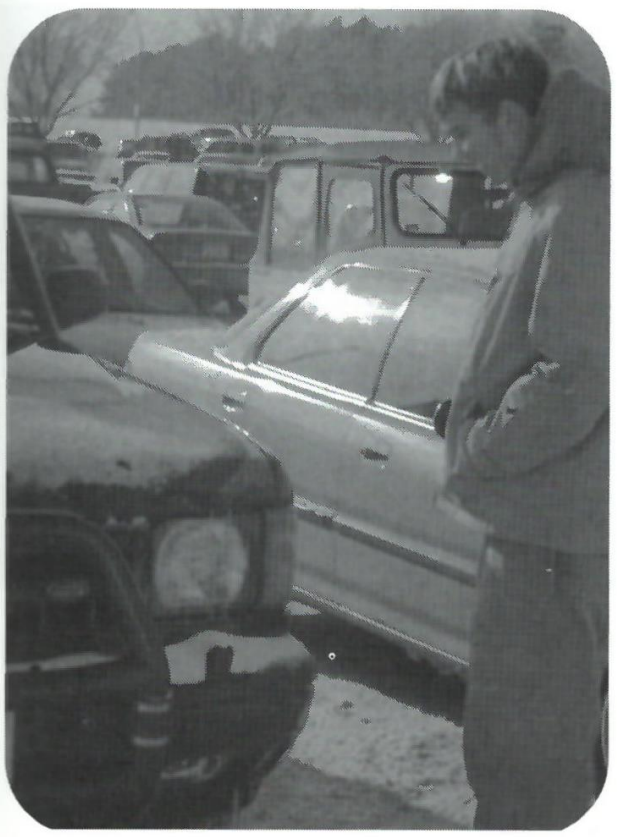

[dream | car...] what would you wish for?

pages by Jen Neuberger

A major part of life for high school students was learning how to drive, and hoping to drive a car that actually ran. For some students the standards were a little higher.

Junior **Mary Hargrave**'s dream car was a 2000 silver cougar.

"I have liked this car for a couple of years. It's really sporty and fast!"

For some a cool car equaled a party, at least according to senior **Mike Kasworm**.

"If i could have any car, it would definitely be a 1969 Micro Bus, because parties always follow the V-Dub!"

Other students were all about style. "I would Definitely pick a Saleen z7. It's fast and so sexy!Need I say more?" junior **Cody Peratt** said.

Not everyone was lucky enough to get the car of his or her dreams, but for many students it didn't hurt to wish.

Junior Mary Hargrve points to her 2000 cougar. Hargrave received her car for her 16th birthday. " I was very excited because I really liked the new cougars!" PHOTO BY ASHLEY ROSENBOOM

Junior A.J. Anderson stands by his '99 Land Rover. "Out of all my cars, my Lexus is my favorite, but I love my yellow Mercedes Compresser in the summertime."
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"If I could have any car, it would be a Ferari so I could ride around with my friends and pick up girls!

Joe Sequenzia — 10

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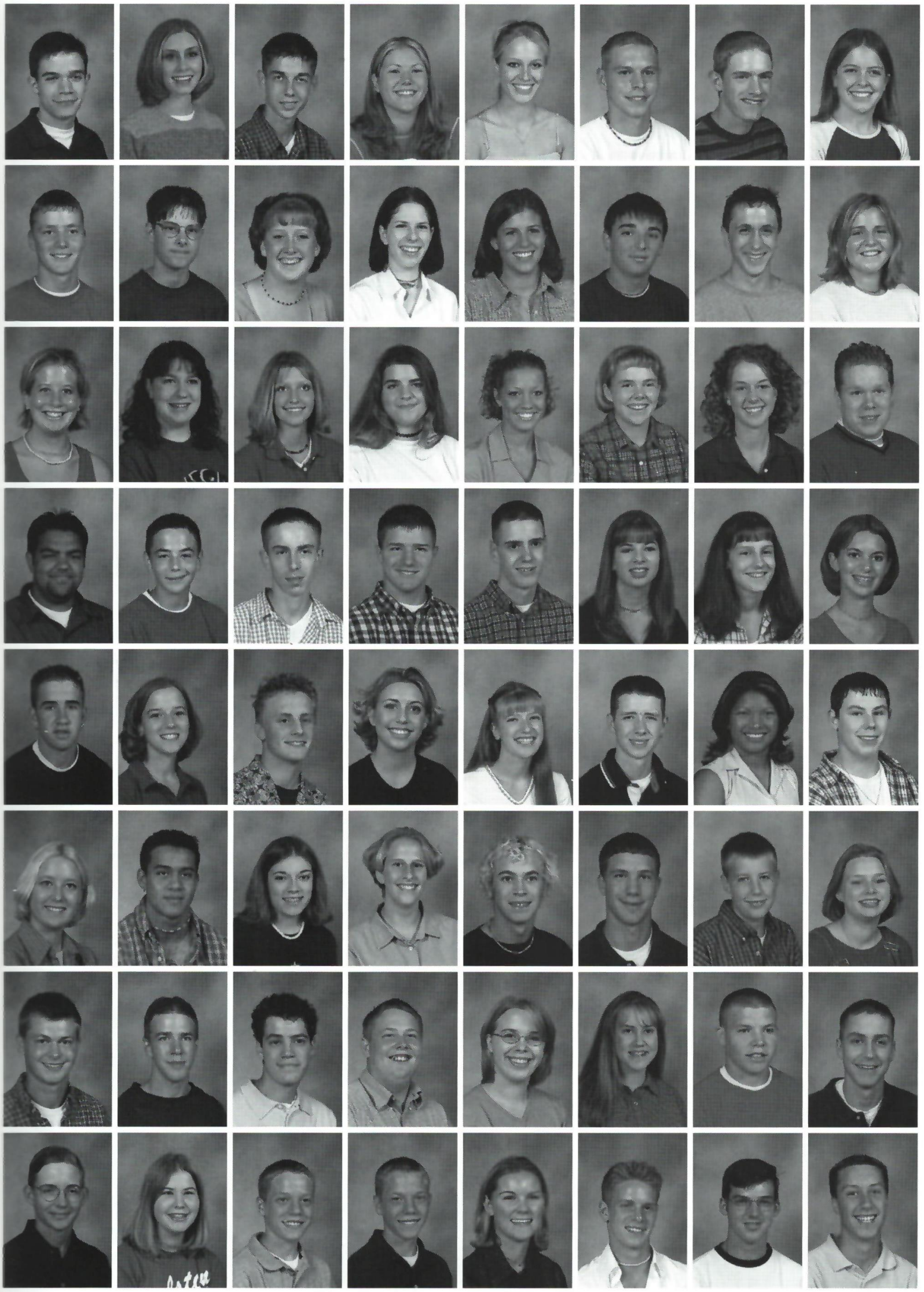

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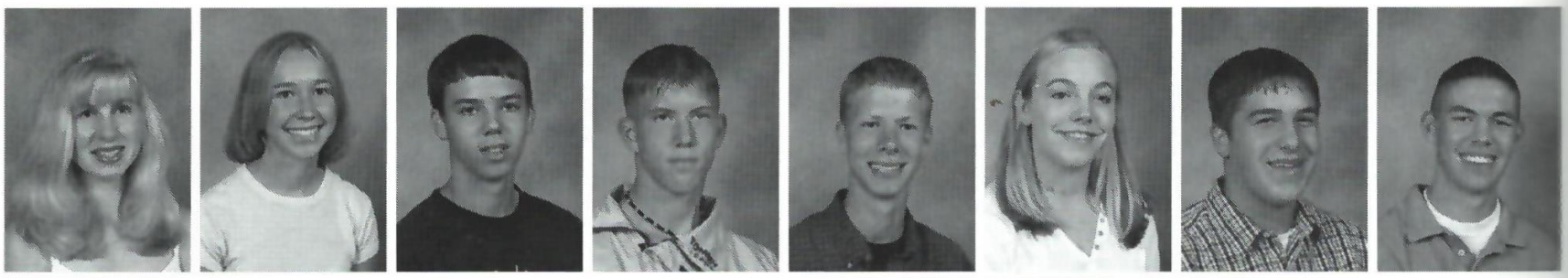

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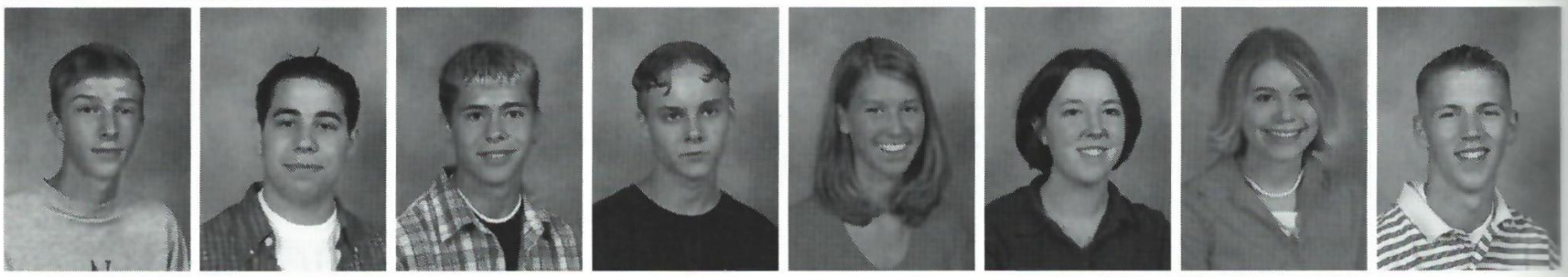

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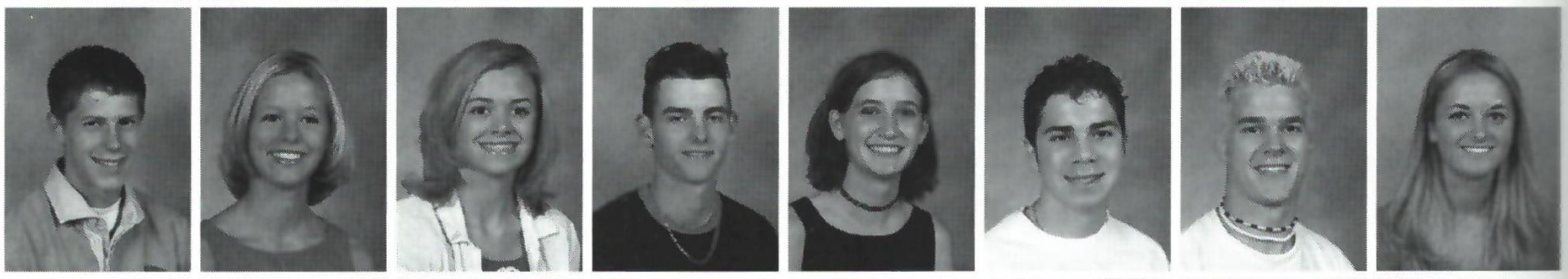

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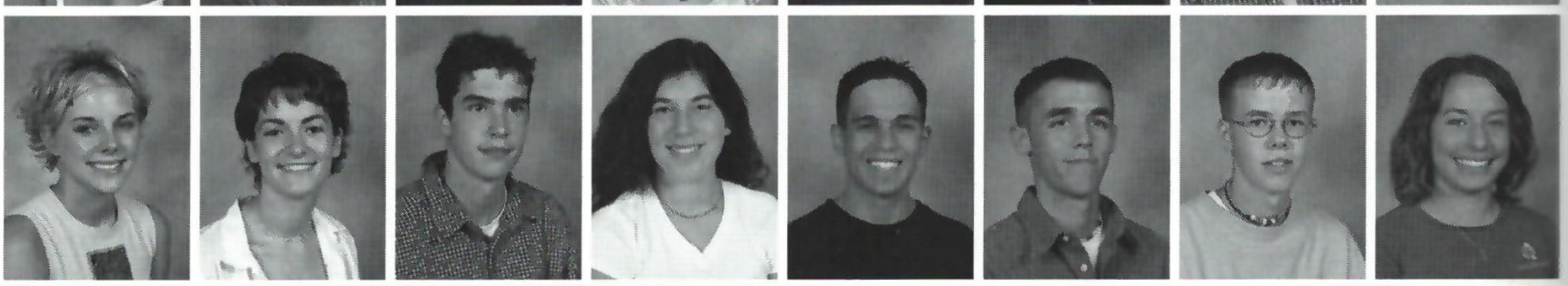

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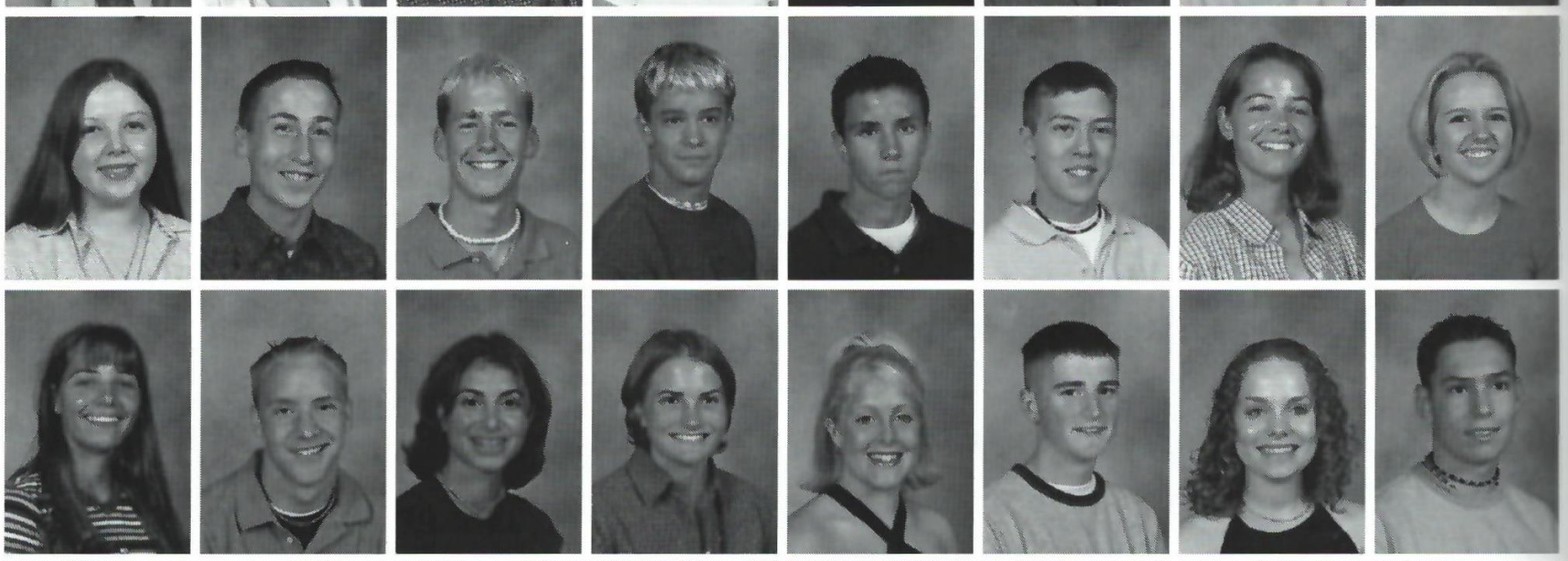

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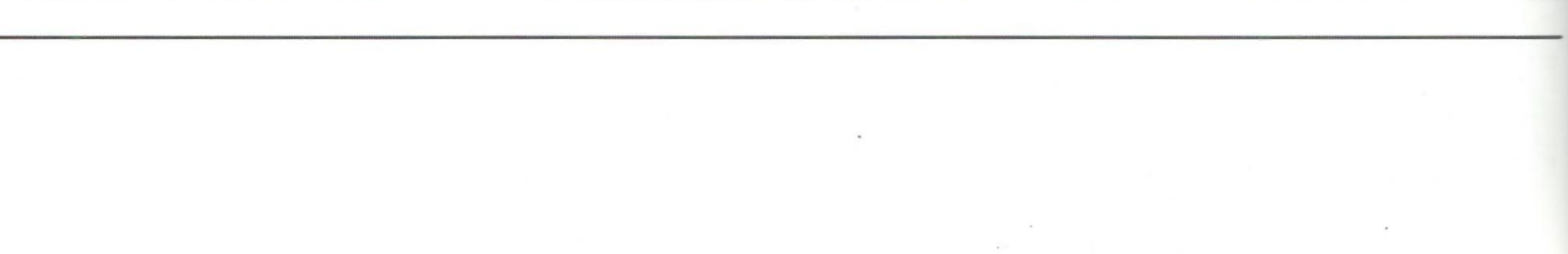

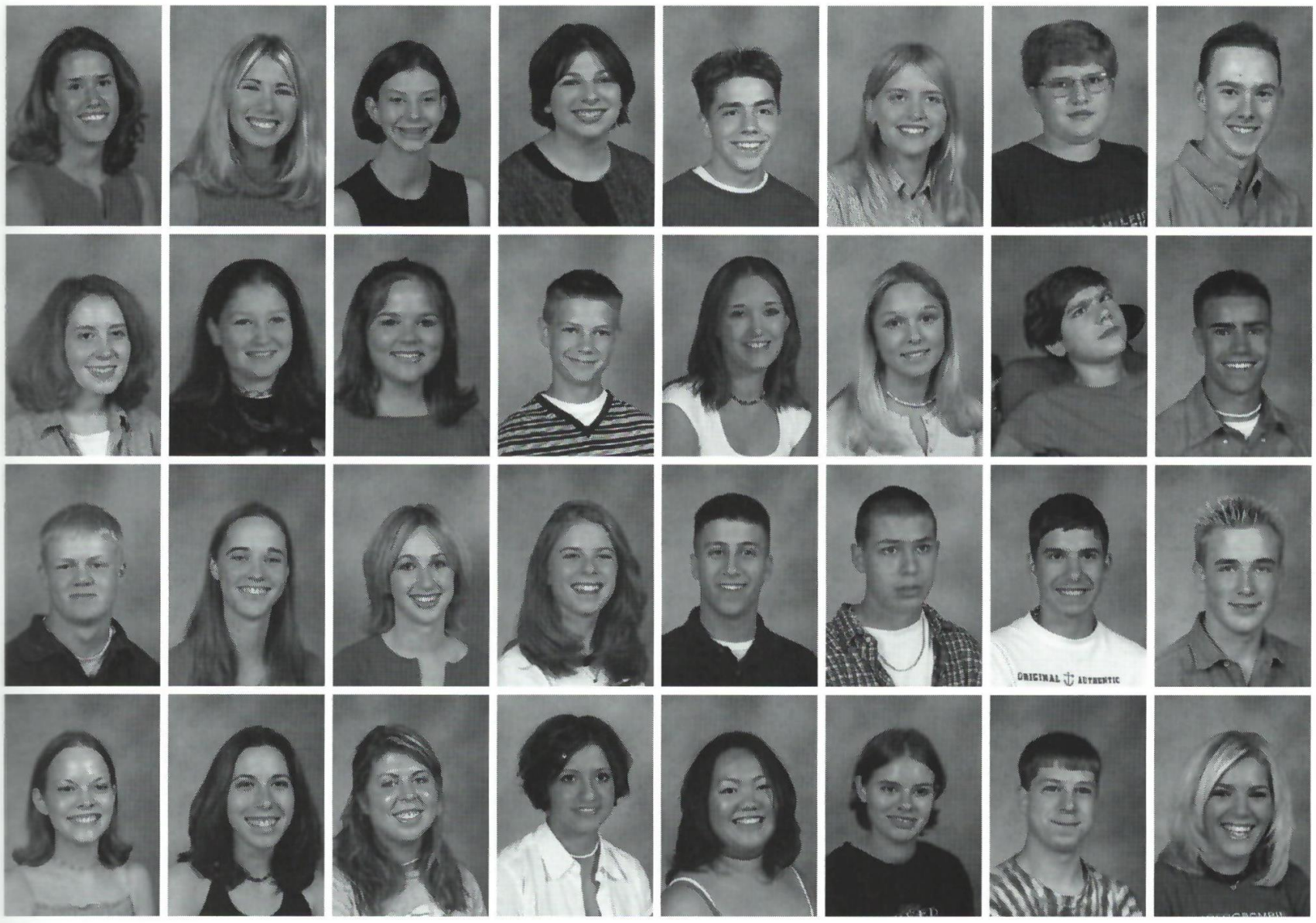

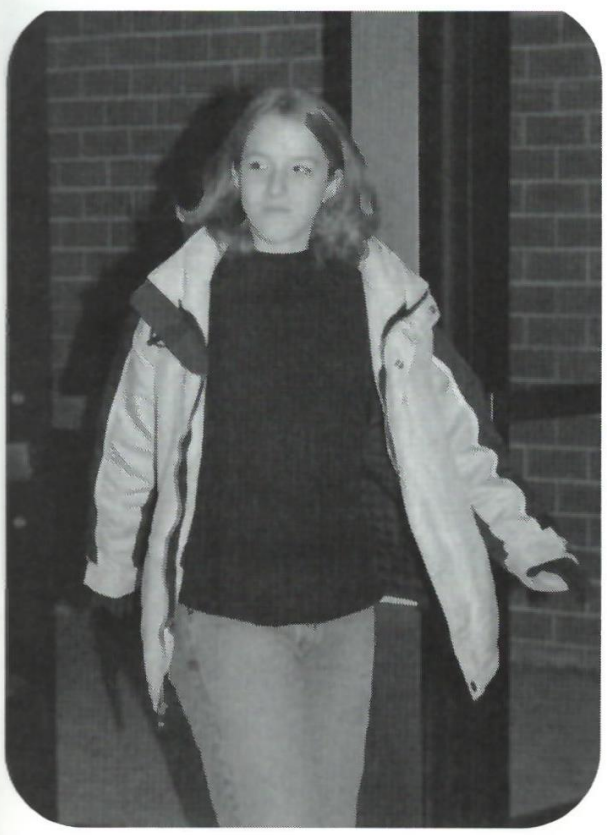

[what it | means] to be a junior

pages by Ashley Rohrig

At the beginning of every school year, students were faced with different situations. For the junior class, there were many changes.

"There were good and bad changes to being a junior. Some major advantages were parking in the lot and having modified open campus. You also get to pick more of the classes you want, but the classes seem to get harder than freshman and sophomore year. It was also more stressful because everything counted. Junior year is very important for college. You also need to start thinking about what you want to do after graduation," junior Lindsay Marron said.

Like every experience in life, there were pros and cons. Junior year in high school was no exception.

Junior Michaela O'Donnell studies for chemistry with her friend, junior Kelsey Linahan. O'Donnell's first hour chemistry class was one of the classes she took to prepare for college. PHOTO BY ASHLEY ROSENBOOM

Walking into the school at the end of first hour is junior Lindsay Marron. She didn't have a first hour so she had the privilege of sleeping in. PHOTO BY ASHLEY ROSENBOOM

"We had to start thinking about college and taking the SATs and ACTs. That was the worst part."

Michaela O'Donnell — 11

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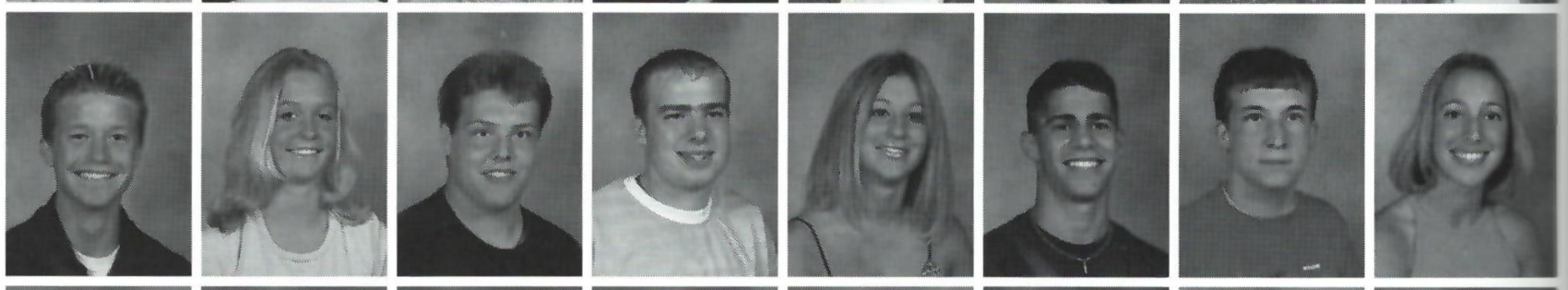

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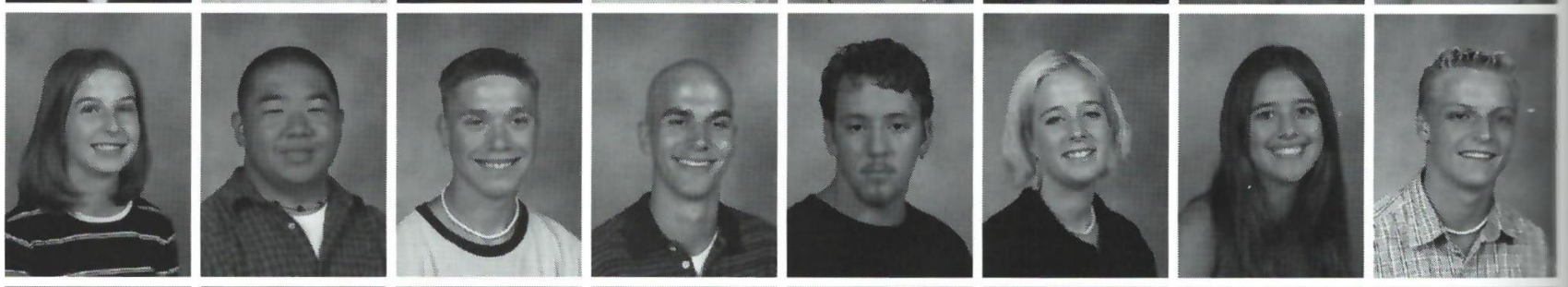

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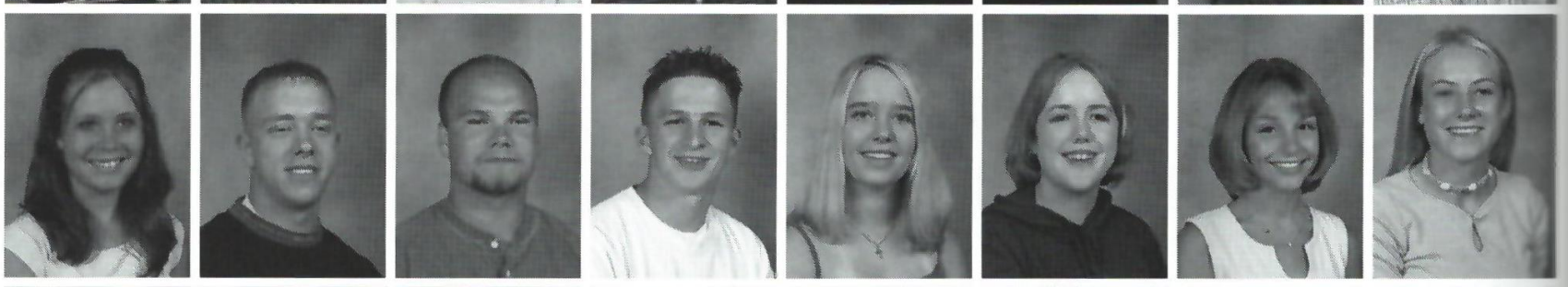

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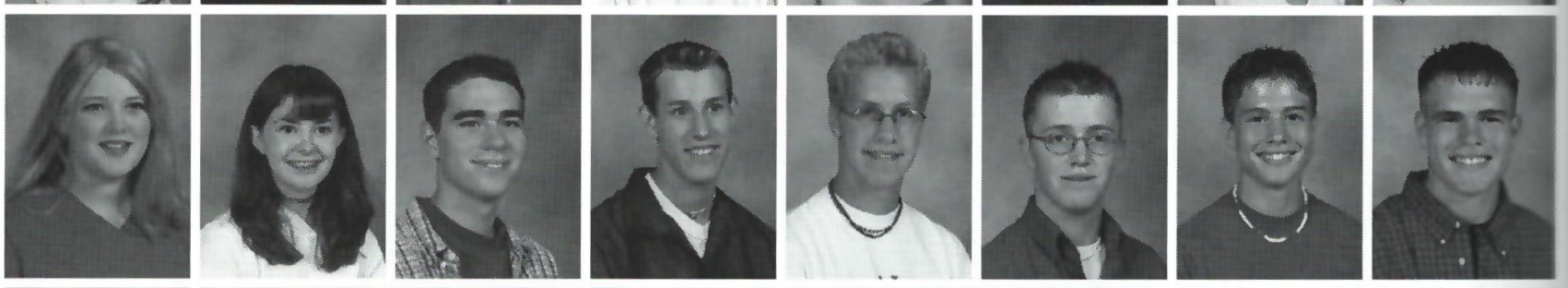

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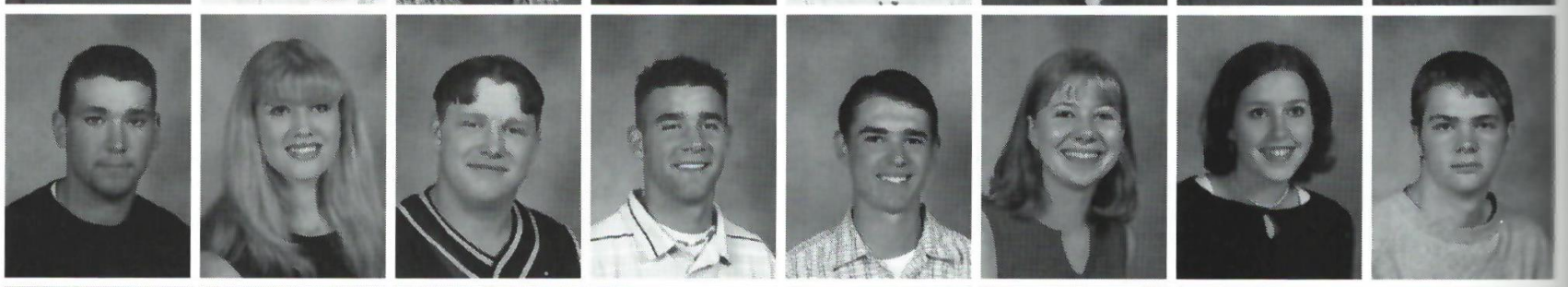

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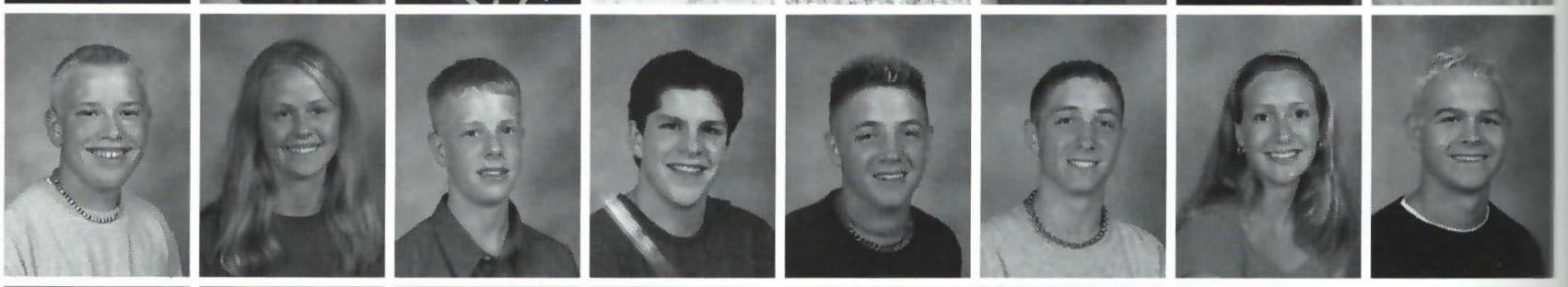

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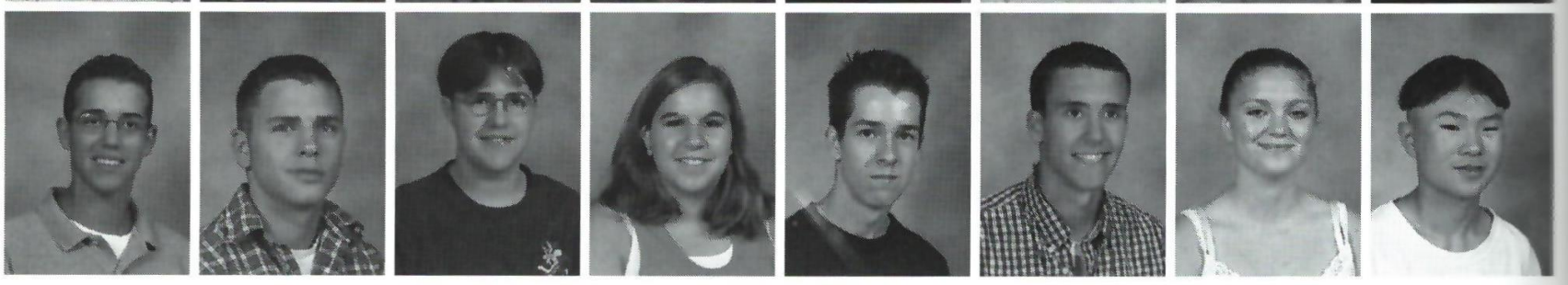

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[too close | to call] what happened?

pages by Ashley Rohrig

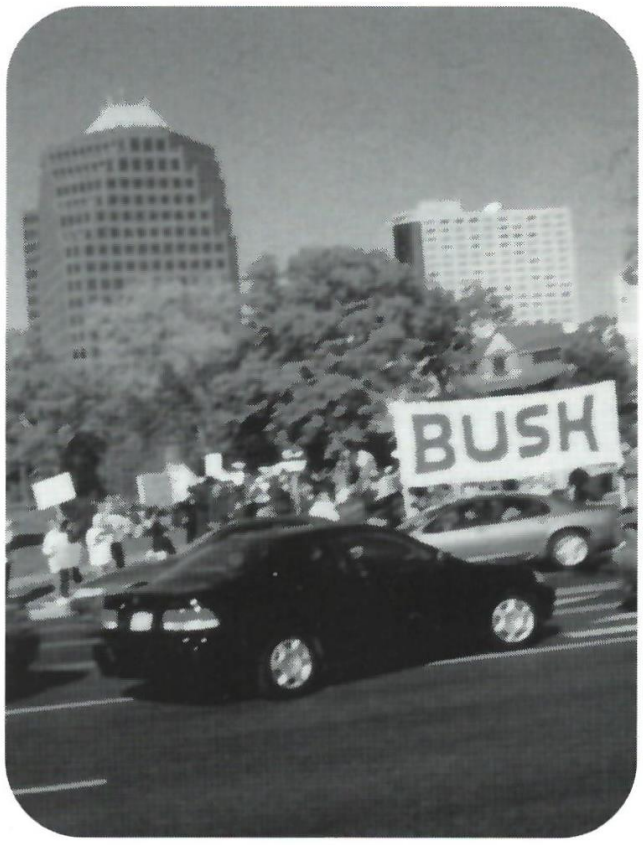
Those who lived through November, 2000 will always remember the presidential election. With the confusion with the butterfly ballots, the election took 36 days to decide. The Gore/Bush battle created a divided country with all different opinions.

"It was one big mess. The reason people vote is for their voice to be heard so every vote should count, and count it must. Down in Palm Beach you're using a punch card to vote, give me a break!," junior **Dan Stein** said.

For junior **Heather Wasserkrug**, the fight for presidency was too drawn out.

"At first I believe everybody thought that it was cool, but as it kept going on, I think it got to the point where nobody really cared who won just as long as it was finally over," Wasserkrug said.

On Dec. 13, Al Gore conceded the election, giving the presidency to George W. Bush. He was inaugurated Jan. 20, becoming the 43rd president of the United States.



Showing their support for George W. Bush are Kansas City citizens. The 36 days of deciding gave the nation a chance to show its support and practice freedom of speech.
PHOTO BY LINSEY ARMBRUST

Sophomores Sam Meister, Kara Wells, Jackalyne Bosco are somewhat confused as they walk down the main hallway. Students had become familiar with the school during their freshman year, but in their second year, they had to learn new classrooms with the rest of the school.
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Sophomores Robin Weinberg and Jessica Harriger make a collage out of magazines. They were working together on a group project in a social studies class.
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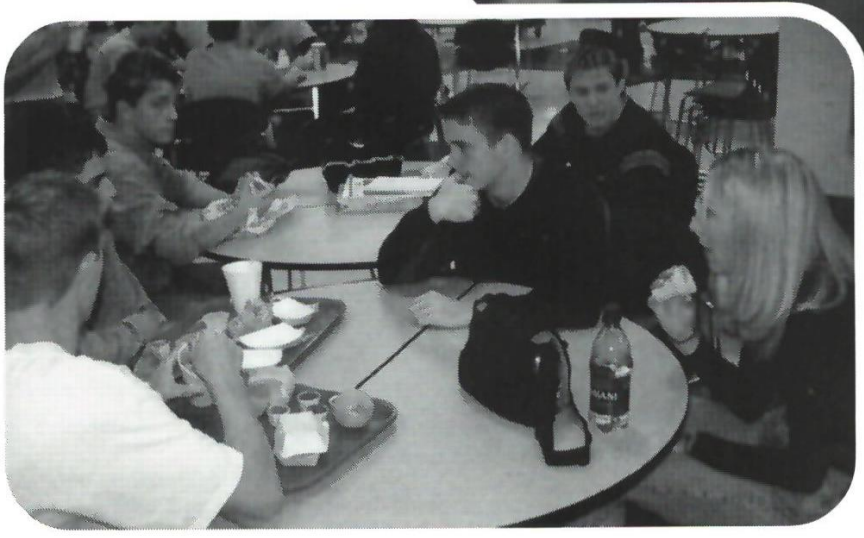

Sitting with their friends at lunch are sophomores Matt VanHoose, Trevor Dinovo, John Day, Aaron Flynn, and Jessie Tillinghast. Unlike the classes before them, the class of 2003 will not have the privilege of leaving school for lunch during their senior year. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

blue angels

pages by
Megan Claus

This group of unsuspecting students walked into MN at the beginning of the year expecting to strut around like they knew where they were going. Yet, they found that they were on the same page as the rest of the school. It wasn't unusual to see them wandering around aimlessly searching for alien numbers.

"I still don't know where all the new room numbers fall into place, I just know where I have to be for my classes," sophomore Sarah Haith said.

Sophomore "row" faded out of existence, so the class would never know what it was like to be at school 45 minutes early to get a good spot and walk up to school in the frigid temperatures or extreme heat. Because of the added parking spaces, sophomores were introduced to a new privilege, parking on campus.

"I'm glad we get to park on campus this year, so we didn't have to walk from sophomore row," sophomore Steve Estep said.

Sophomores Erica Caballero, Amanda Wertz, Stephanie Marr, and Joe Johnson study in the library. The table that rested between the couches was topped with the old gym floor that had a painted mustang on it. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

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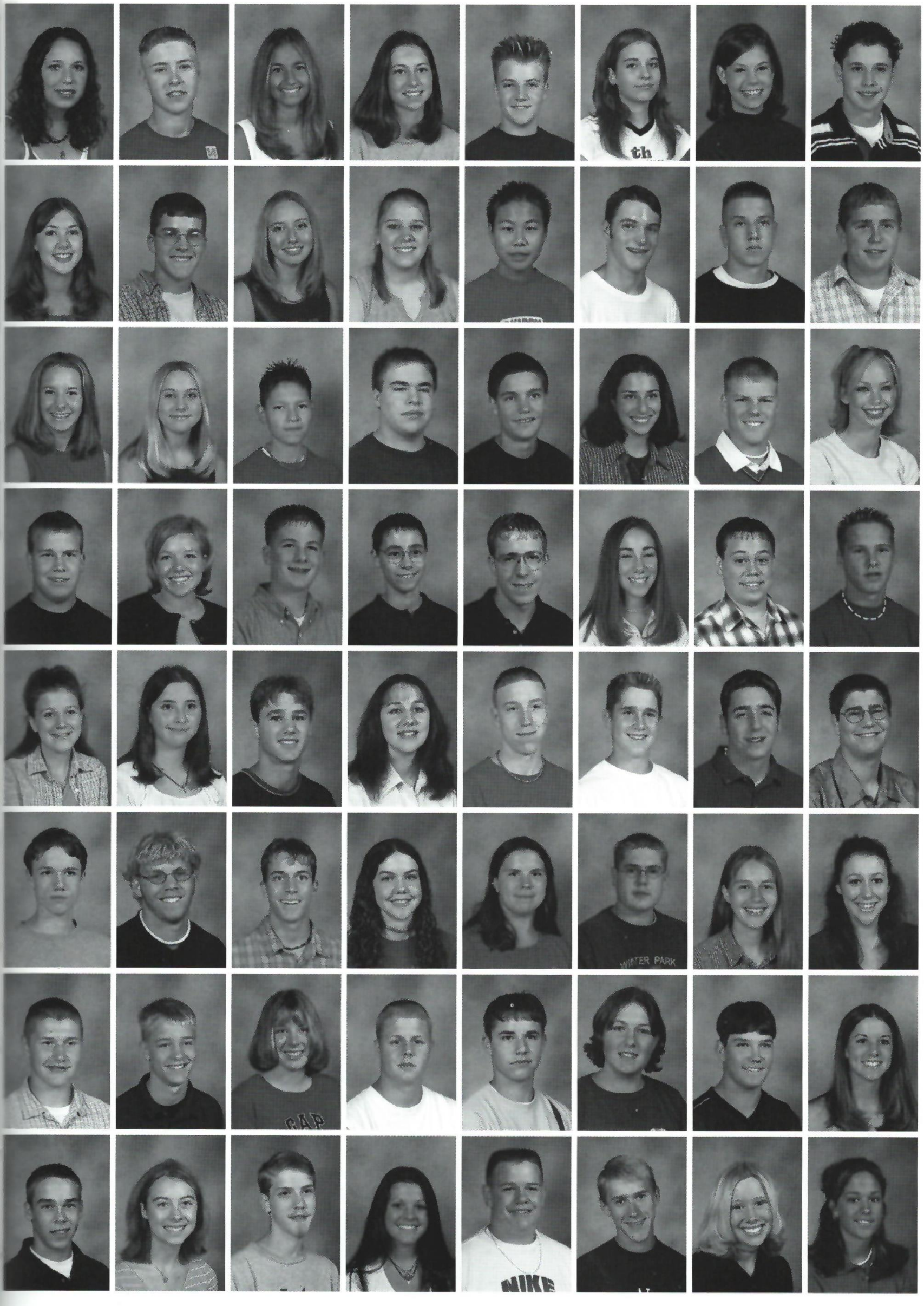

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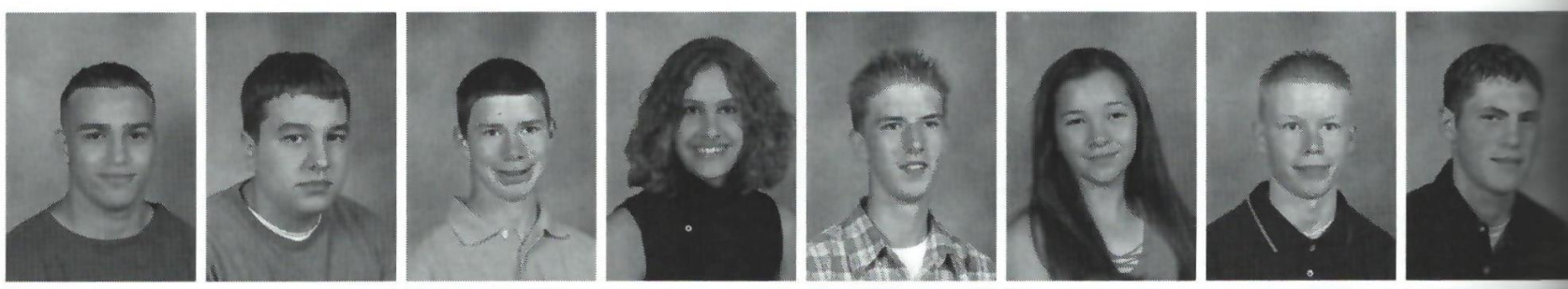

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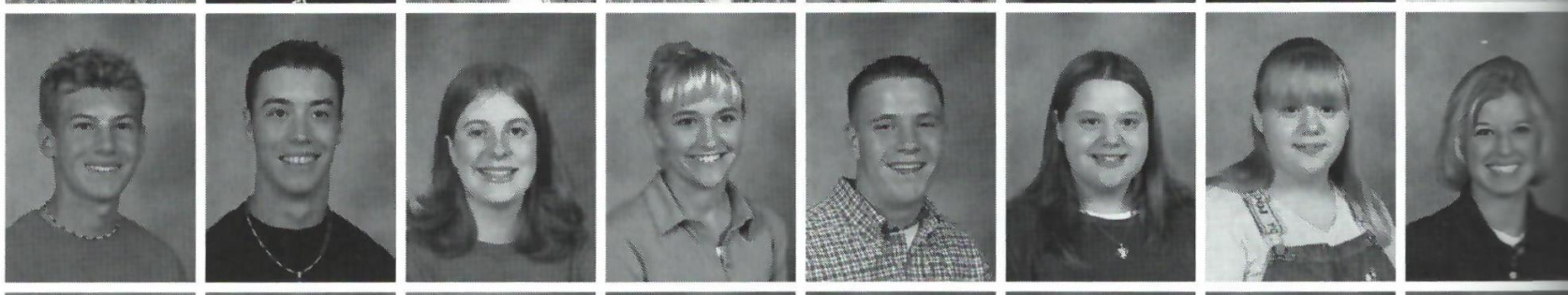

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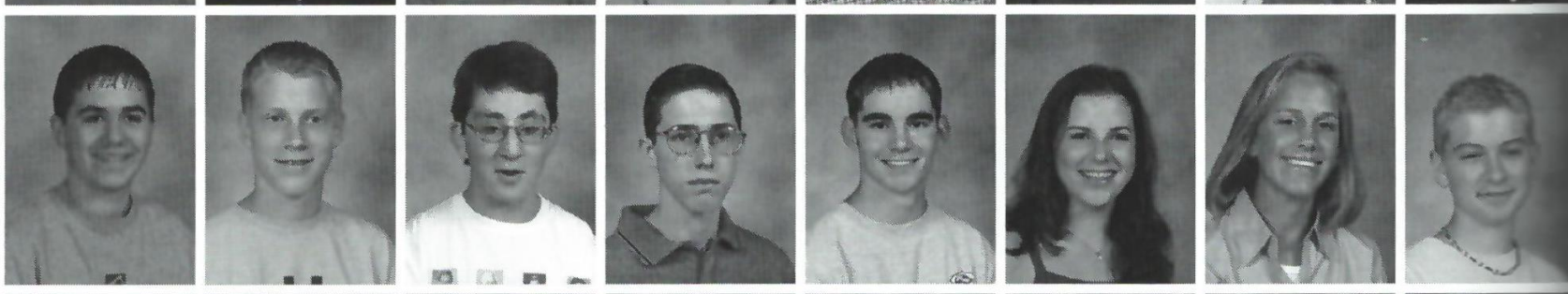

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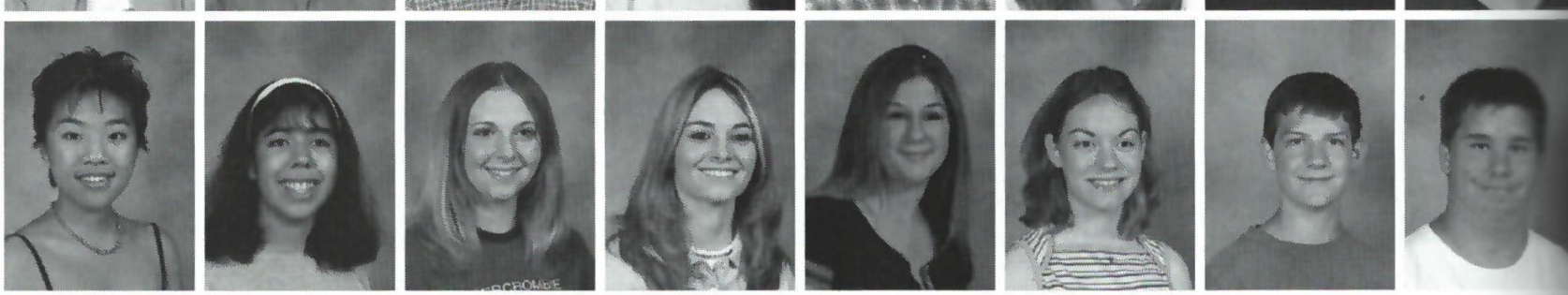

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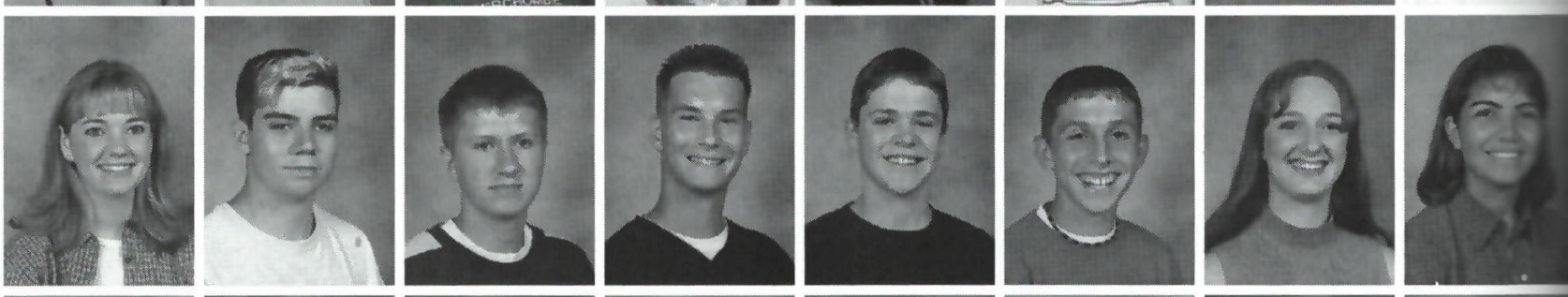

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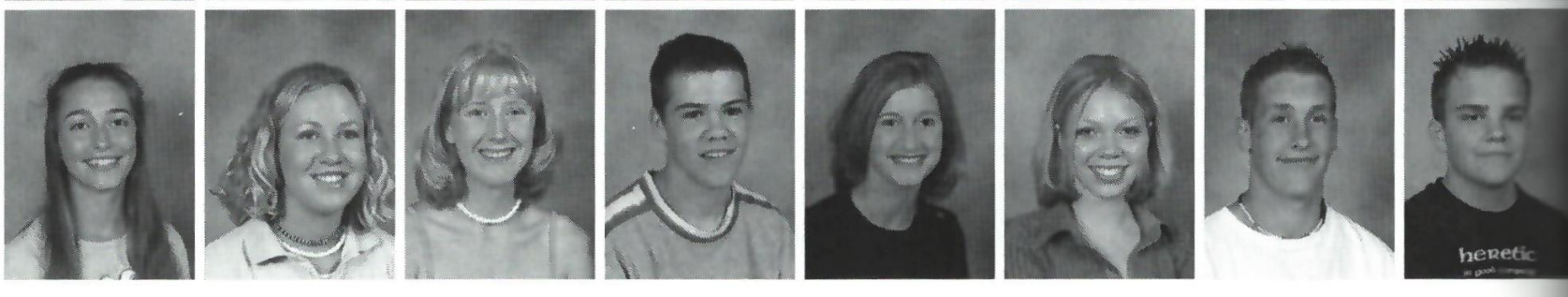

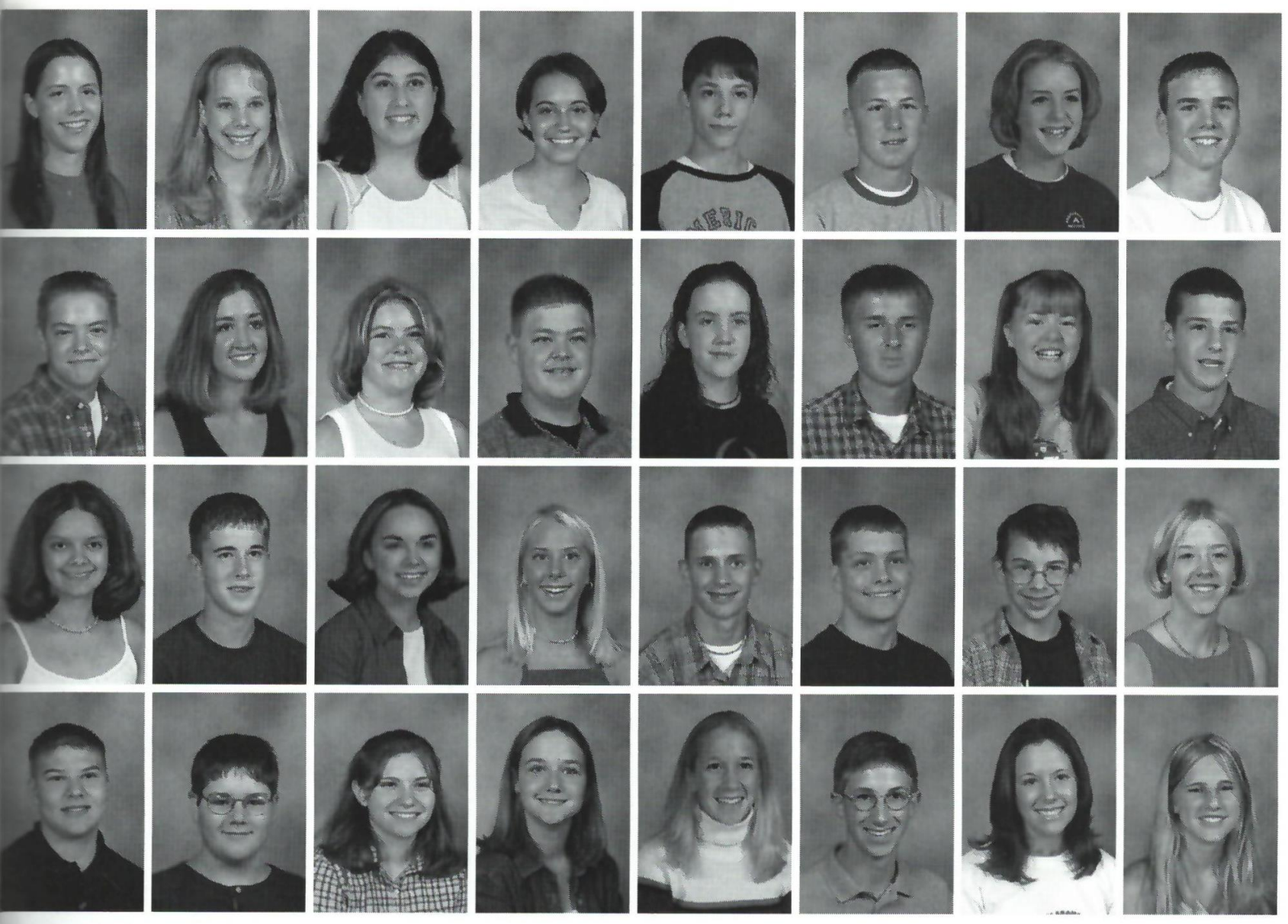

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[what it | means] to be a sophomore

pages by Cindy Gottschalck

What does it mean to be a sophomore?

"You're almost an upperclassmen!"sophomore Monica Yoo said.

Of course the everyday high school routine seemed to grow older and more simple with each new day.

"Sophomores get more opportunities and aren't seen as immature. You get more respect from upperclassmen," Yoo said.

"When you're a sophomore you have experienced and dealt with a lot more. You're also a step closer to being an upperclassmen, which is definitely a good thing," sophomore Kristi Vrtiska said.

Sophomores anticipated their junior year, but they enjoyed and made their second year in high school the best they could.

Talking to other students at her locker is sophomore Kristi Vrtiska. Sophomores often stopped at their lockers before school started to get their books for the day. PHOTO BY ASHLEY ROSENBOOM

Sophomore Monica Yoo talks to Amber Dvorak about the upcoming football game. Sophomores often planned on attending games to show class pride. PHOTO BY ASHLEY ROSENBOOM

"When you're a sophomore you're not considered the babies of the school anymore."

Kristi Vrtiska — 10

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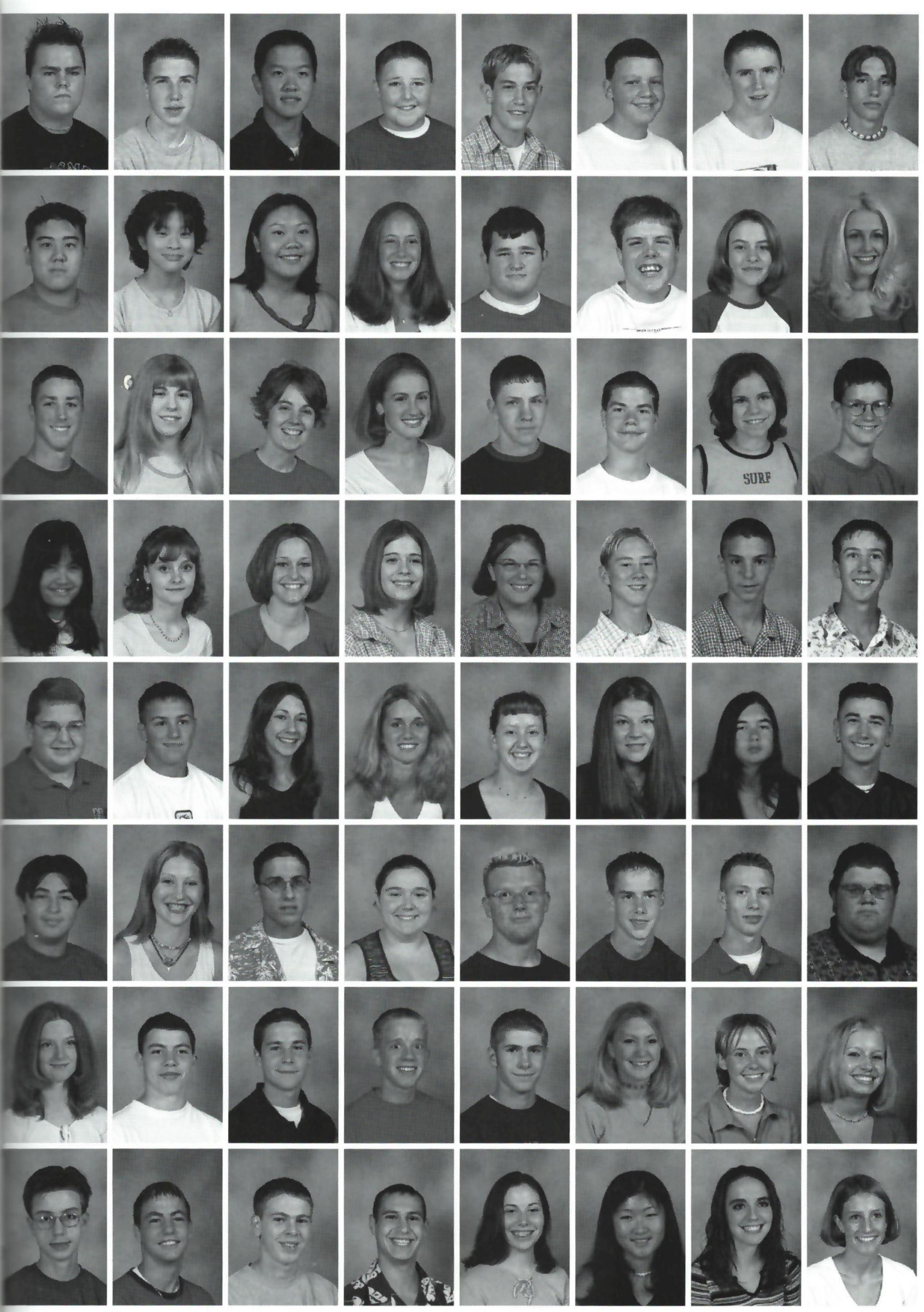

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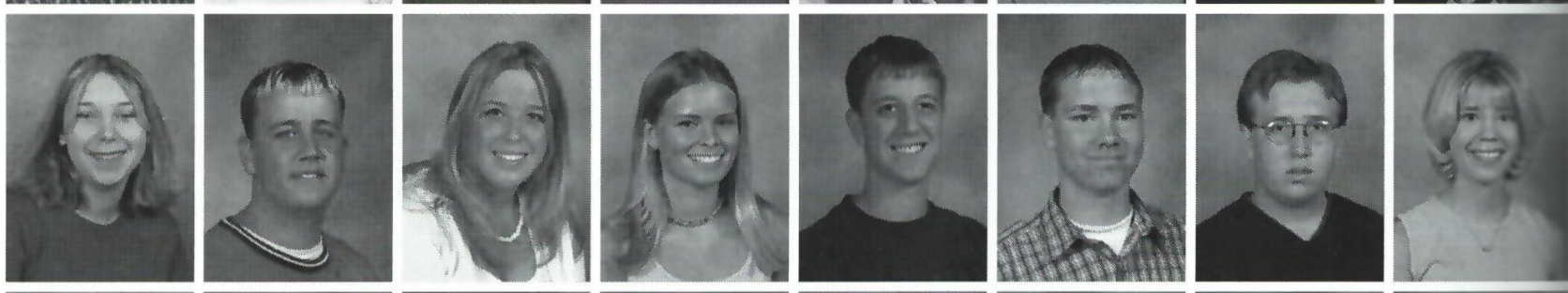

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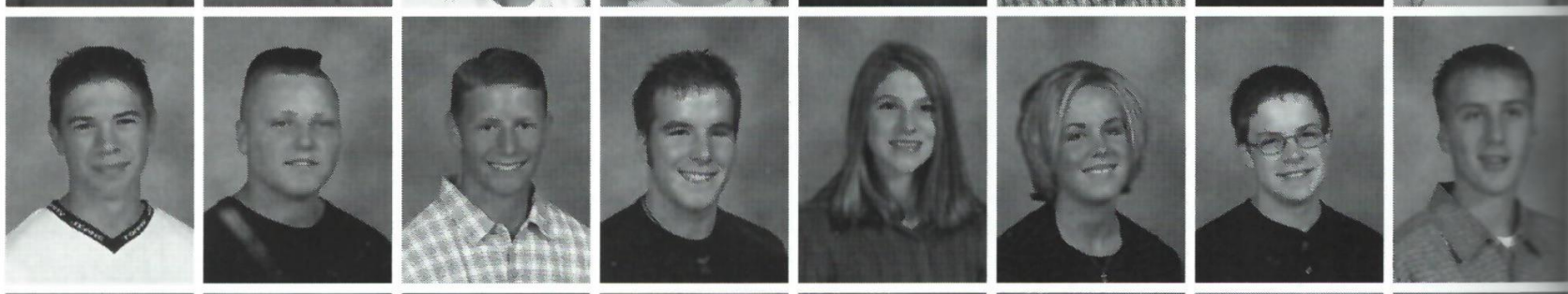

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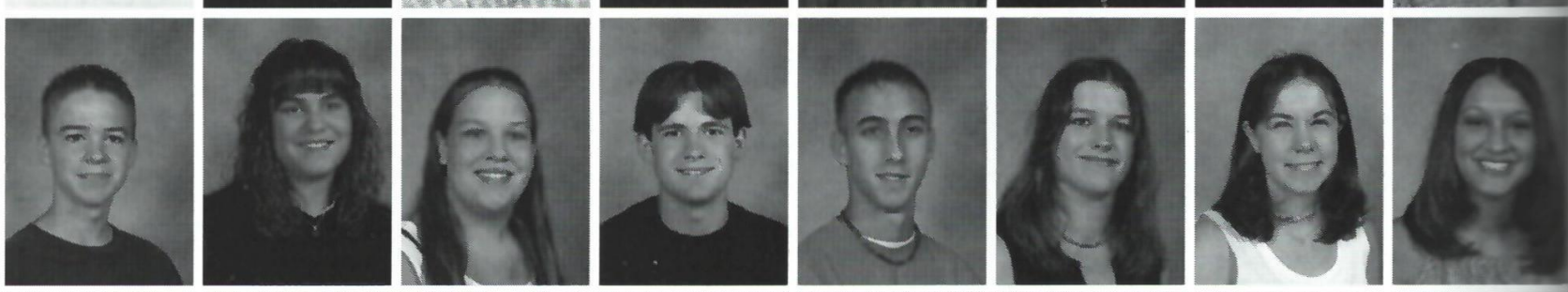

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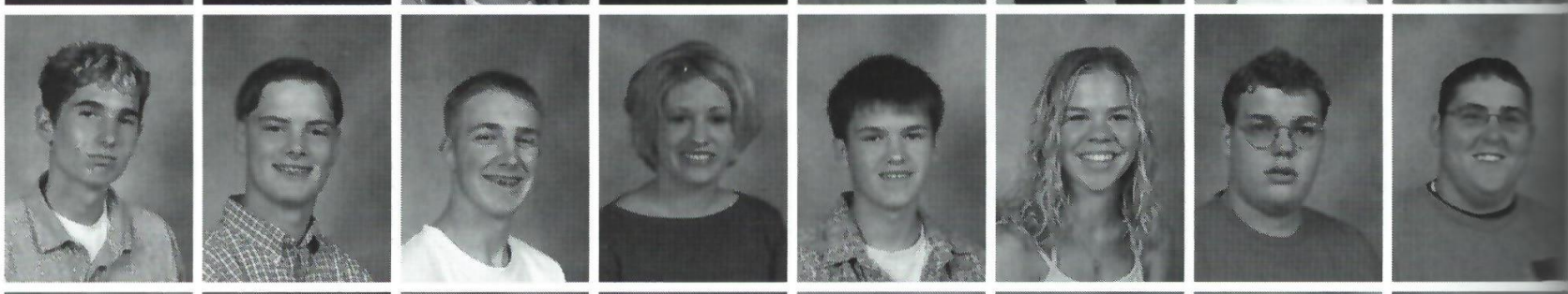

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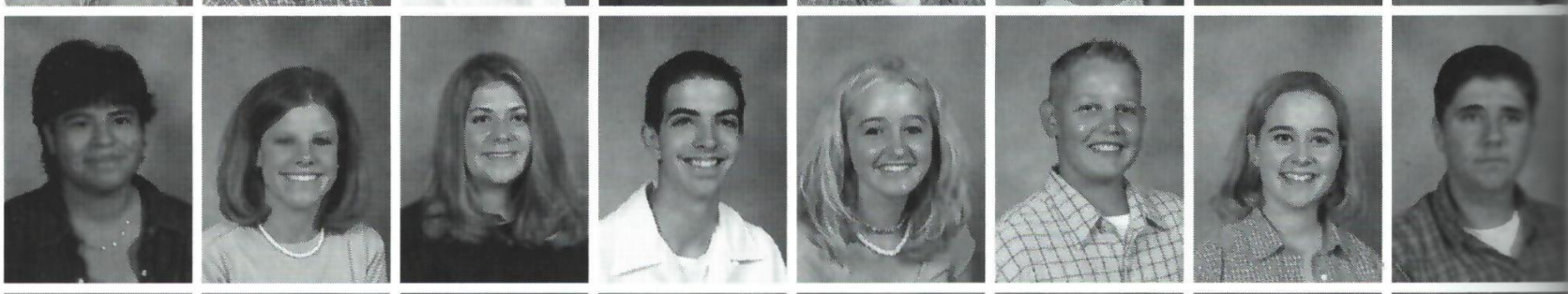

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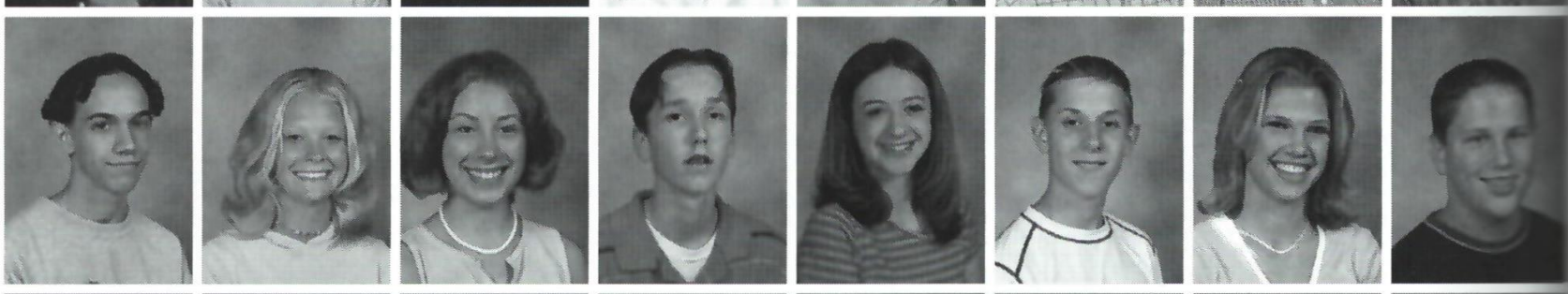

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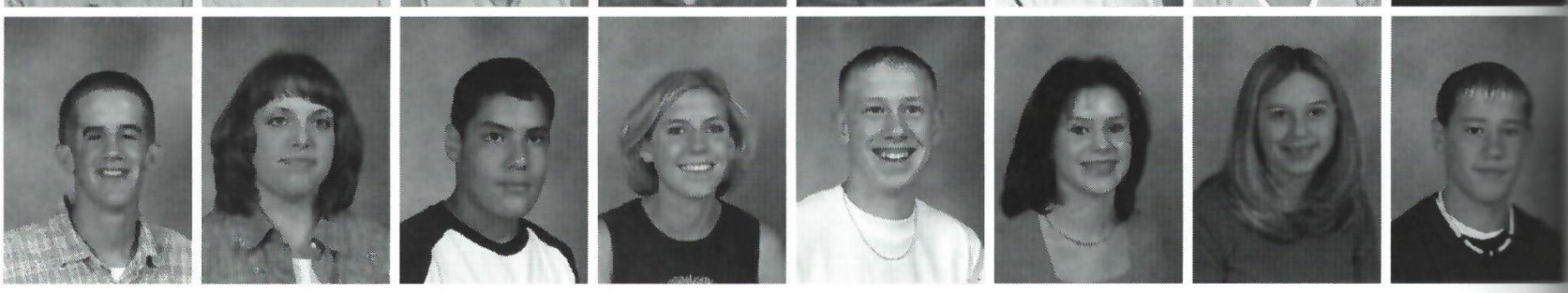

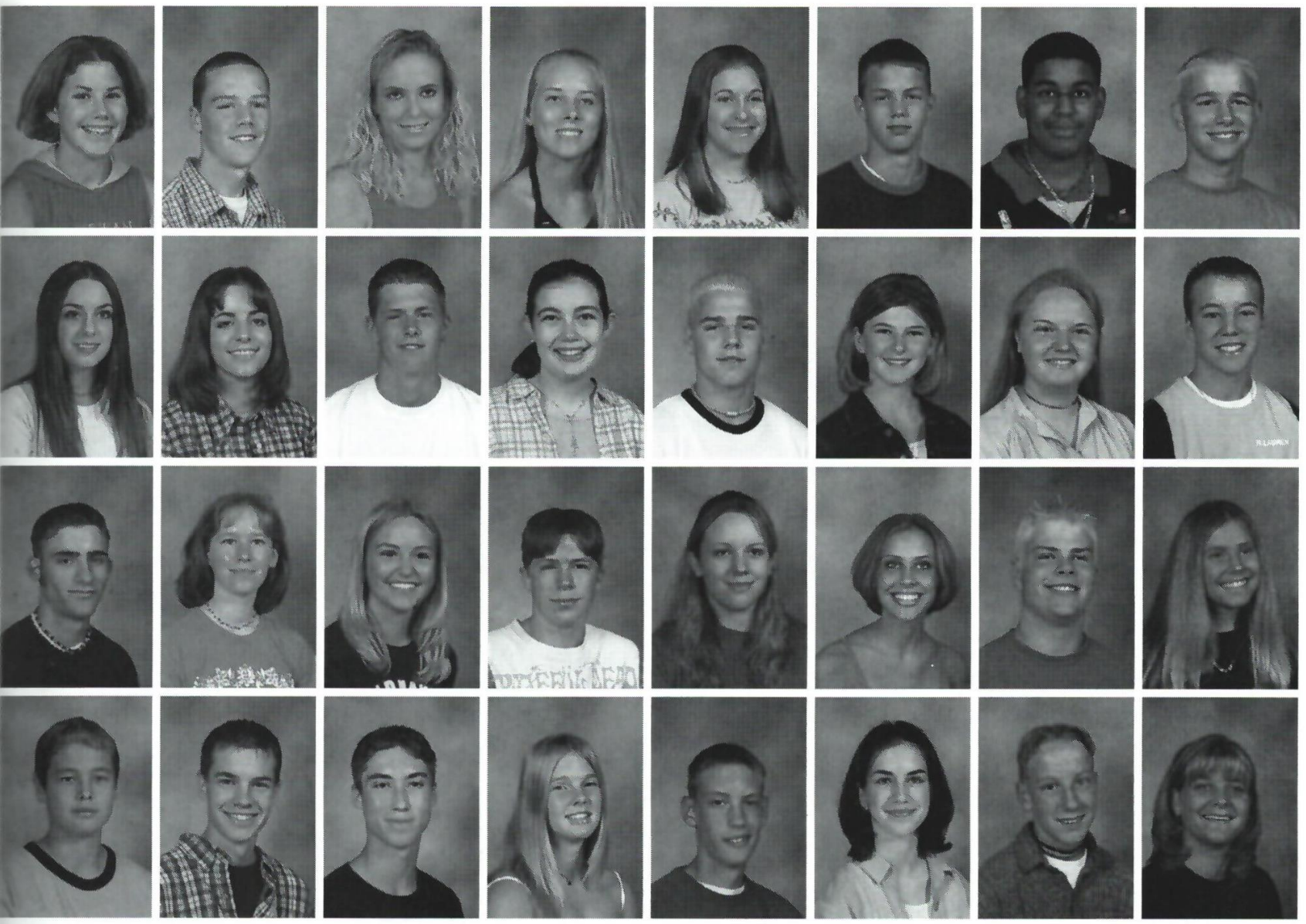

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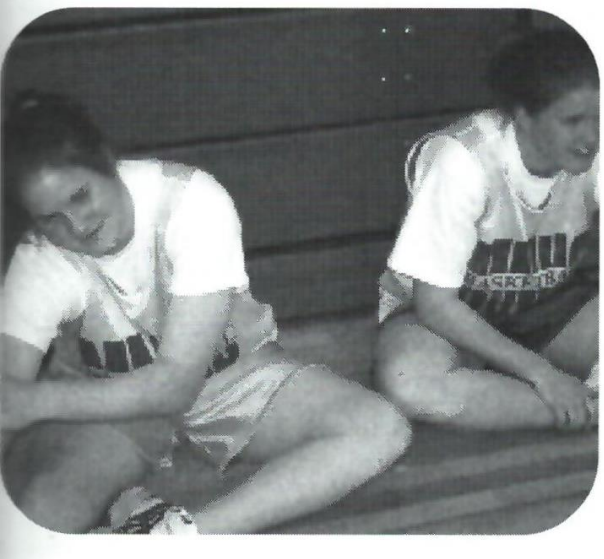

[two of a kind] seeing double

pages by Lauren Banghart

Being twins brought with it some interesting glances if they were identical, and for those who weren't some challenges.

"I always have a friend by my side in new places and there's someone on my side during sticky situations. John and I are unique because we aren't identical and our personalities are different. Most people don't even know we're twins," junior **Dan Synowicki** said.

Twins have advantages, like switching places for a prank, but there are disadvantages, too.

"I hate sharing my birthday. I always get cheated on presents," junior **John Synowicki** said.

"The most annoying thing is when people mix us up," seniors **Emily and Natalie McCart** said.

Seniors Emily and Natalie McCart stretch before basketball practice. They share many common interests including basketball and soccer. PHOTO BY JOSH CHEEK

Juniors Dan and John Synowicki chat before school in the hallway. The twins weren't identical but were alike in many ways. PHOTO BY JOSH CHEEK

"Being together makes your parents feel more comfortable because you check up on each other."

Dan Synowicki

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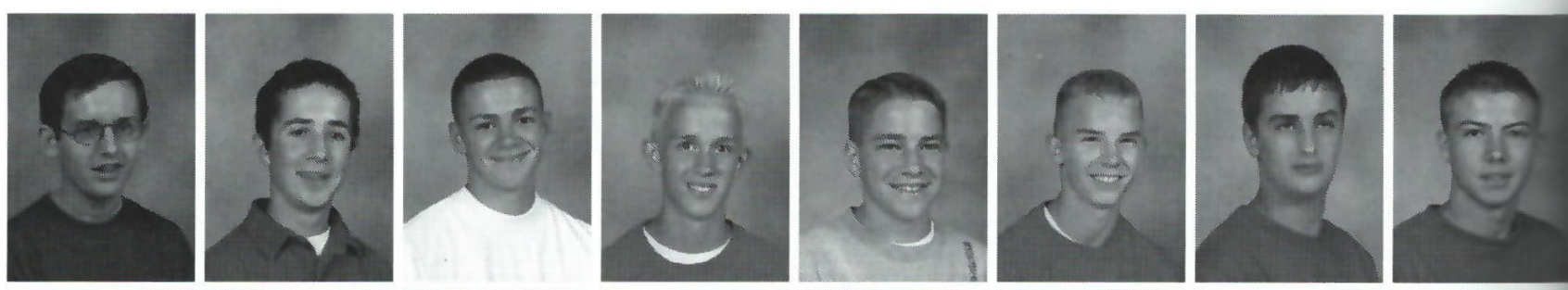

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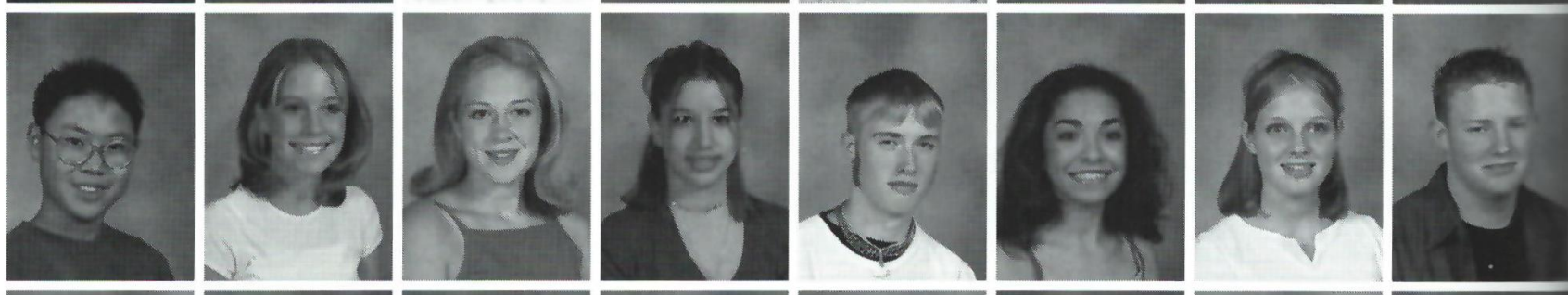

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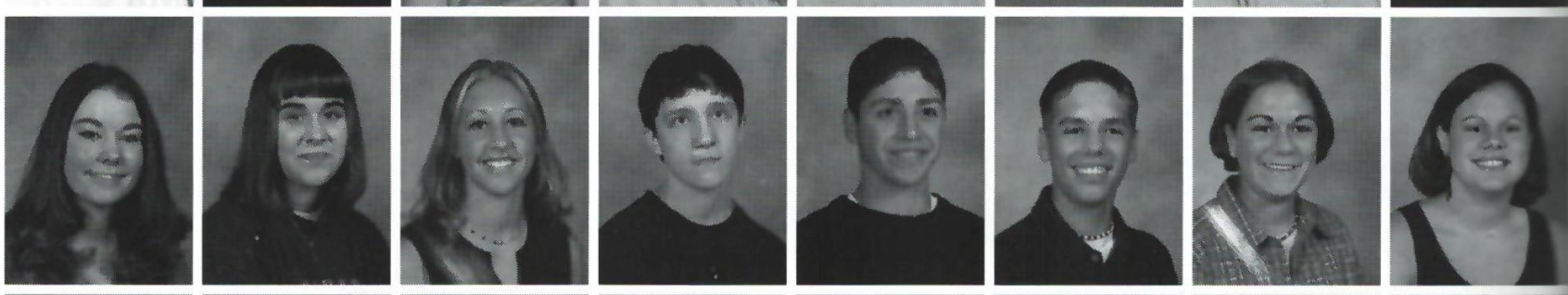

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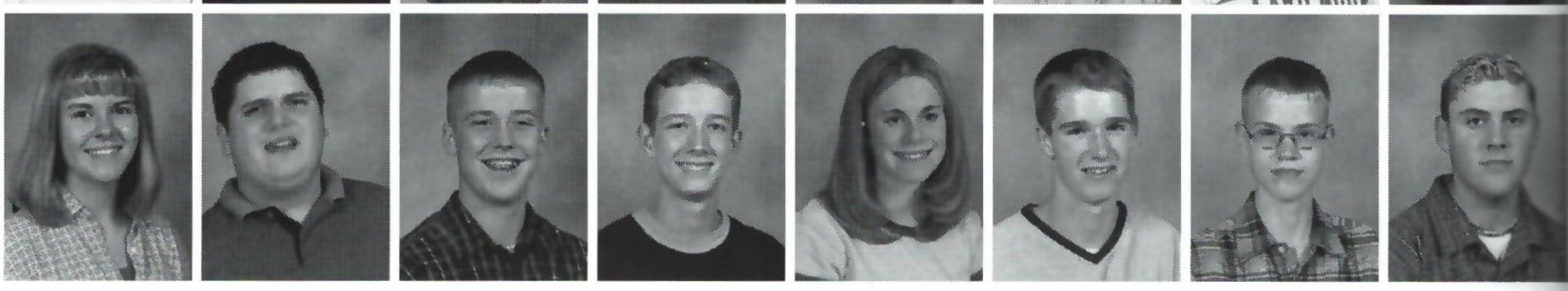

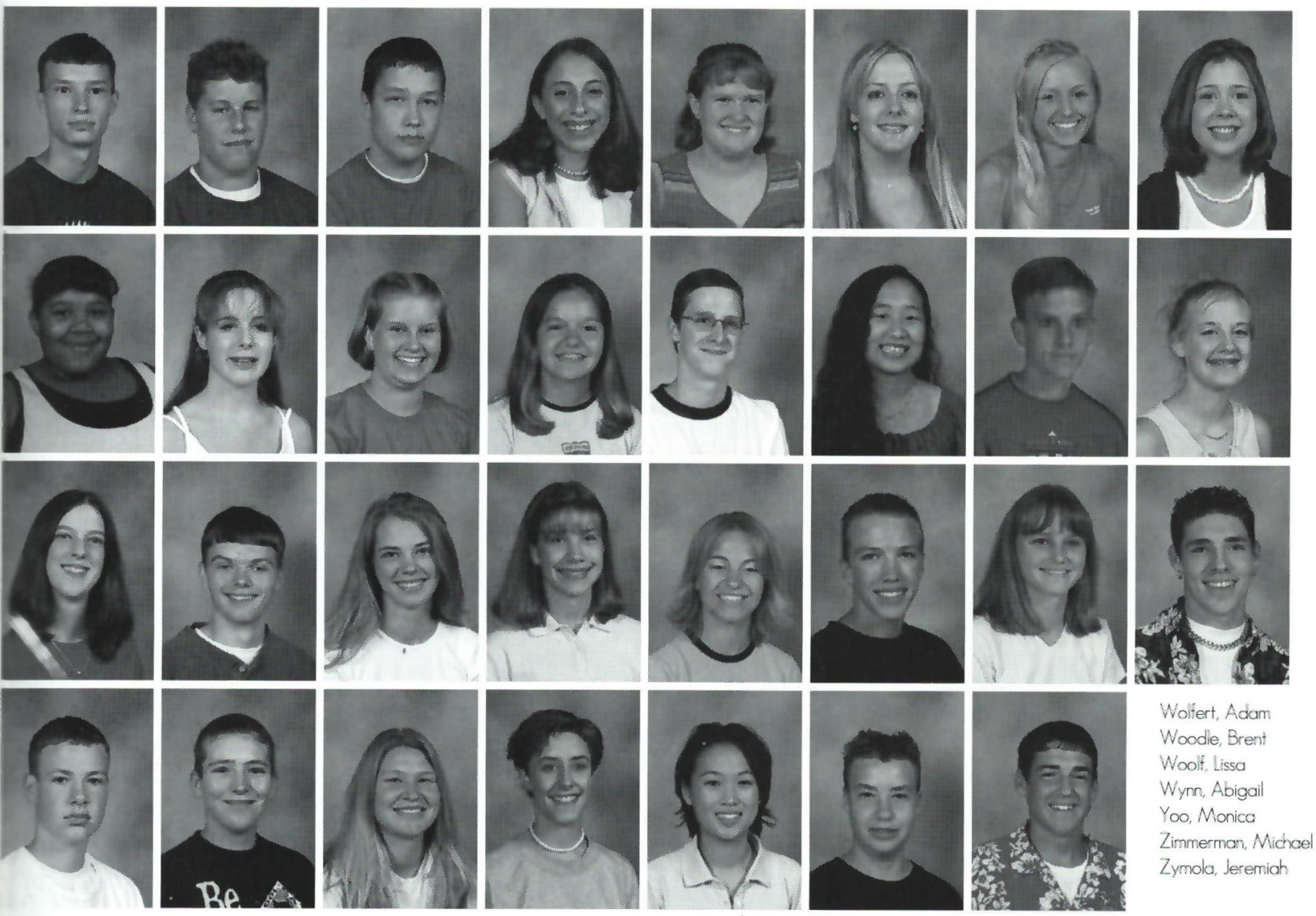

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Zimmerman, Michael
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[the early | riser] struggles with the clock

pages by Meghan Brozanic

For many, getting ready for the day depended on how each planned for it.

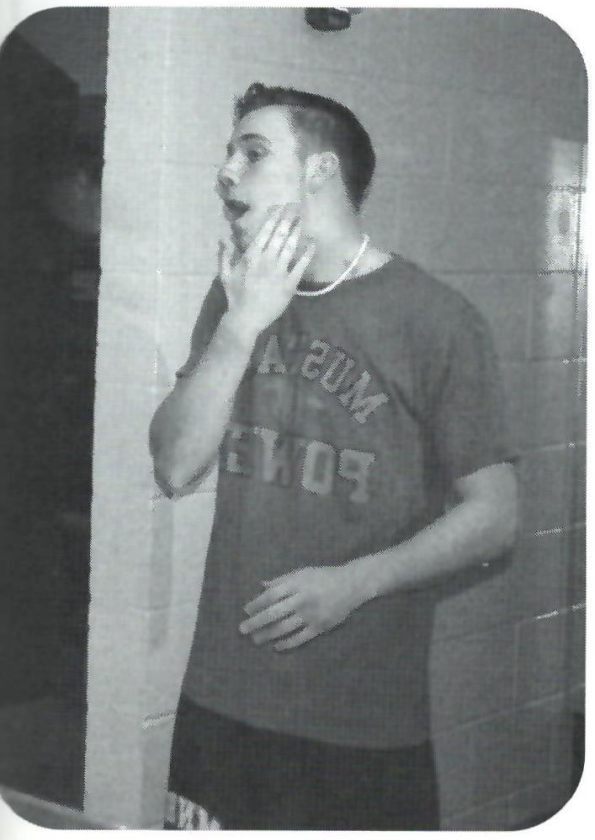
Sophomore Aaron Flynn often woke up late and ended up getting to school after 8 a.m. Much of the 45 minutes that he usually spent getting ready was used in perfecting his spiked hair.

Flynn usually browsed his closet at random for something to wear from Old Navy.

Sophmore Tiara Andersen chose her wardrobe the night before because of 5a.m. swim practice. Normally, she would wake up around 6 a.m and take about 90 minutes to get ready; much of that time was spent on her hair.

"My hair is thin, and I work to get it fuller." she said.

Whatever the routine, the goal was the same: getting to school on time.

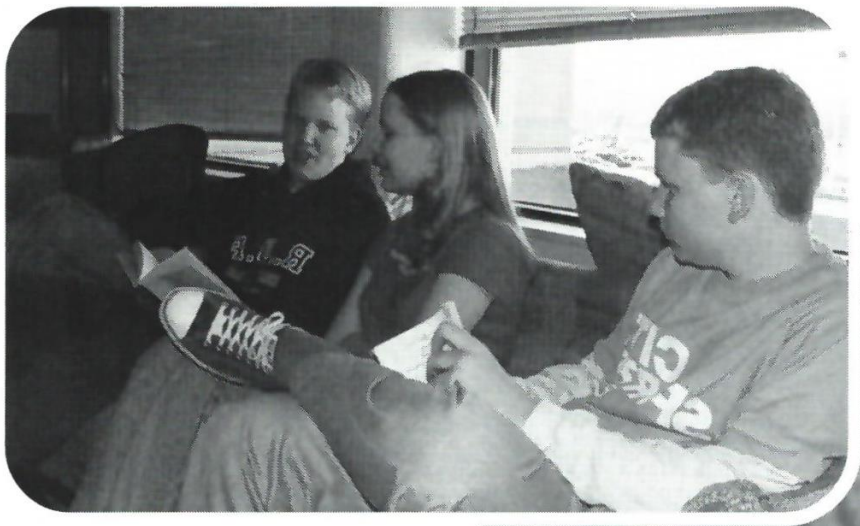


Choosing an outfit to wear is sophomore Tiara Andersen. Andersen did this the night before to avoid lost minutes in the morning. BY JOSH CHEEK

Sophomore Aaron Flynn checks to see if he should shave before school starts. He said it was always a struggle for him to get to school on time. PHOTO BY JOSH CHEECK

"I survive on Applejacks for breakfast & snacks when time runs short."

Tiara Andersen



Reviewing in Latin class are freshmen Eric Jenson, Jessica Vanvleet, and Sam Dueker. Freshmen found that they needed to spend more time on homework and studying than in past years at middle school.
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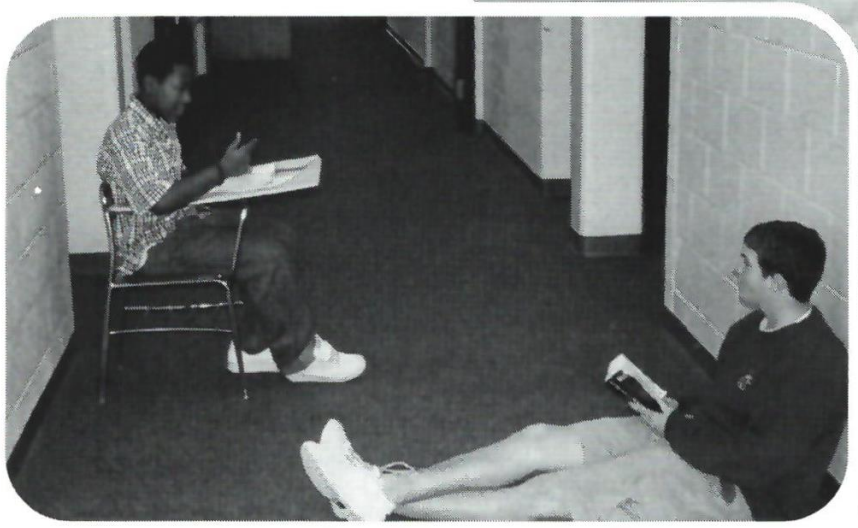
Freshman Anna Kolbeck helps prepare the homecoming decorations the night before the dance. Student council members started preparation of the decoration many days in advance. PHOTO BY ASHLEY ROSEBOOM



Studying in the hall during class are freshmen Dellshawn Evans and John McDonald. Most teachers gave students time to study during class, but freshmen had to get used to studying outside of class to keep their grades up.
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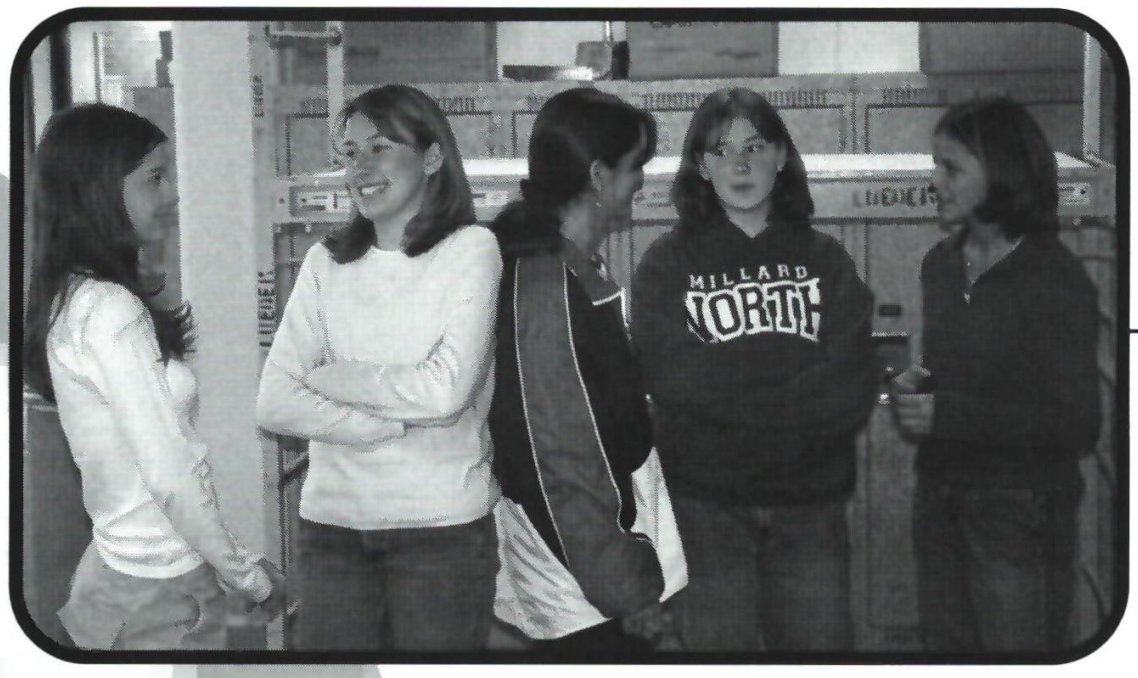
the little ones



pages by
Linsey Armbrust

Starting from scratch was what the freshman found themselves doing when they entered the doors on the first day of school. For many fear was a big factor. Coming to a new school, with older students, more classes, and not a lot of time for passing periods was all new to them. Dealing with construction was another factor that they had to get used to.

Being known as the little ones and going to school with upperclassmen was a little scary at first for students.

"I was so afraid. I was scared of the seniors when I first came because they were so much bigger then me. Then when the freshman lockers were moved to the senior side it got a little scary, too. All the older kids ended up being a lot cooler than I thought. It's not scary," freshman Dave Friend said.

Coming to a new school with more students took a lot of getting used to for freshman Keith Lloyd.

"It was a big change to come to MN from middle school. There were a lot more kids than I expected, and I didn't know how I was going to get to know all of these people," Lloyd said.

Even though there were a lot of changes for the freshmen to get used to, they ended up having a good year.

Hanging out during free time are freshman Jessica Querry, Kristin Reitz, Sylvia Perez, Steph Reed, and Amanda Roth. Freshmen found themselves looking for new places to gather during the year due to the construction in the freshman hall. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

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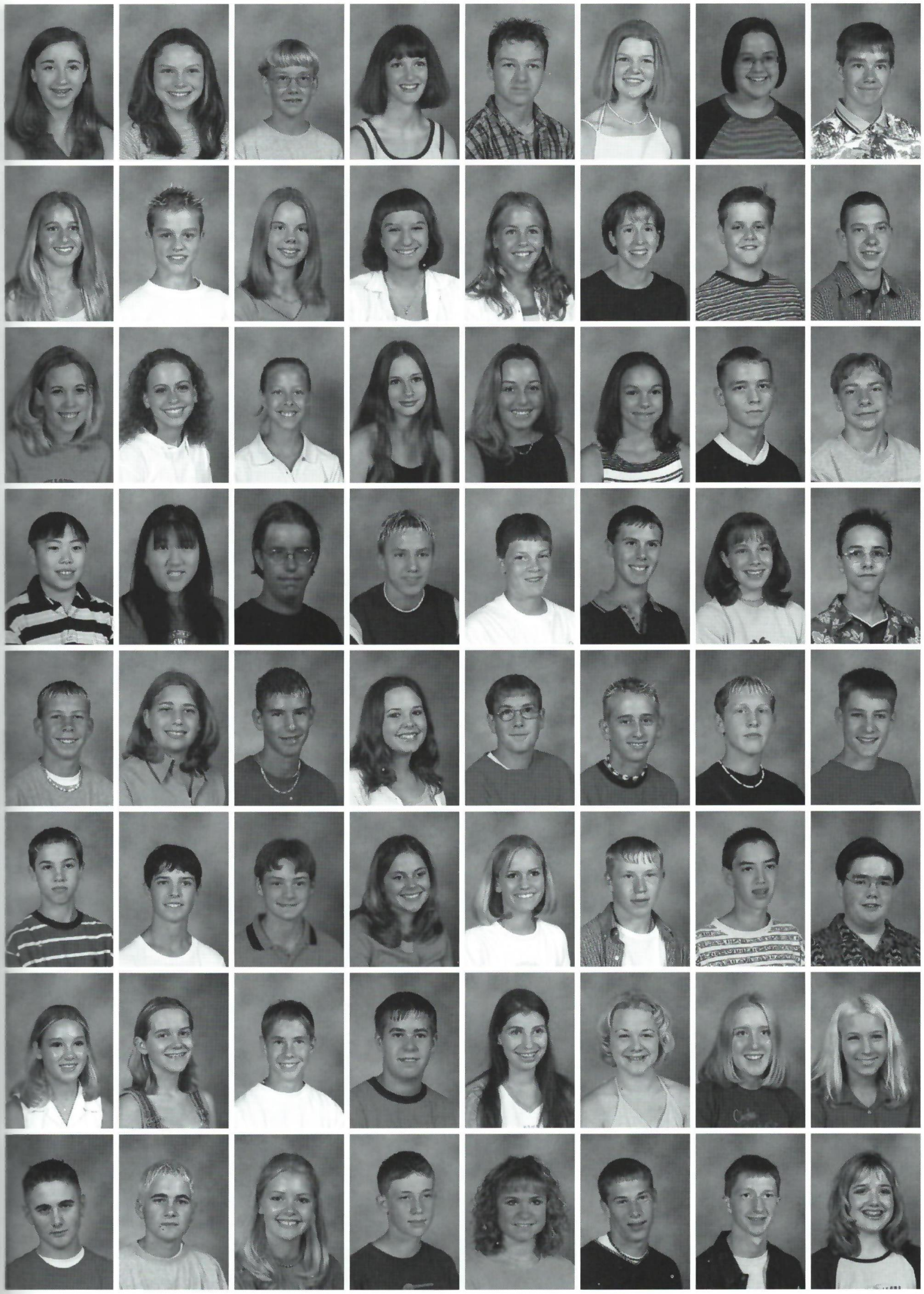

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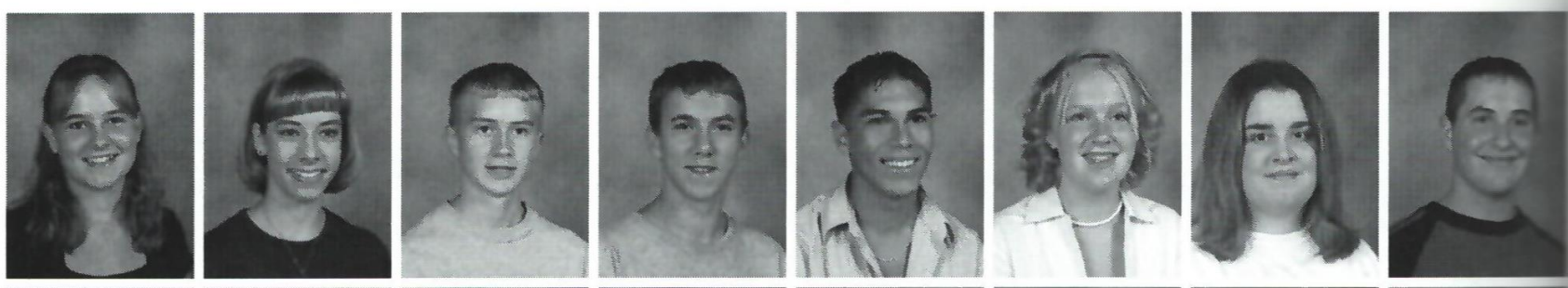

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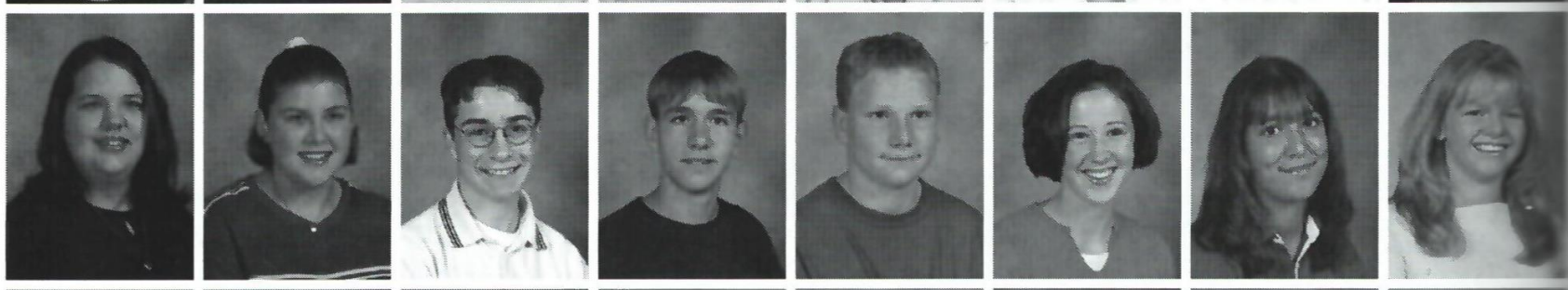

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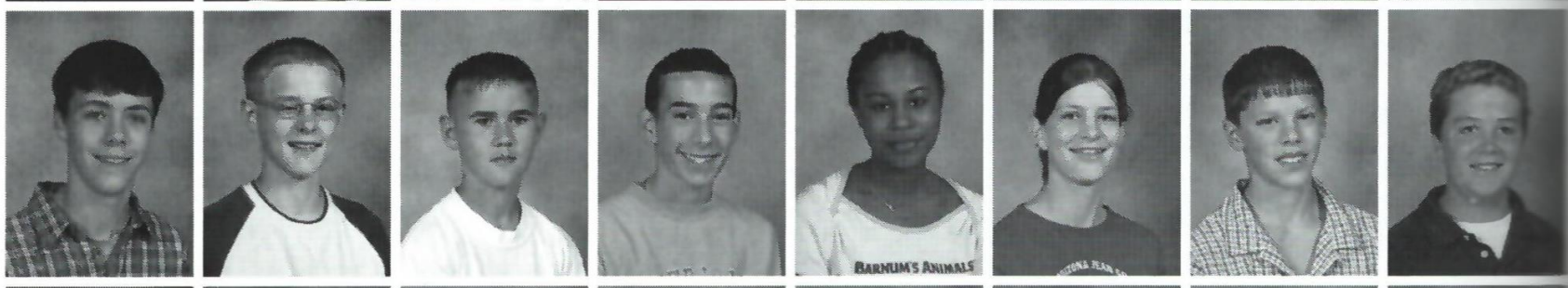

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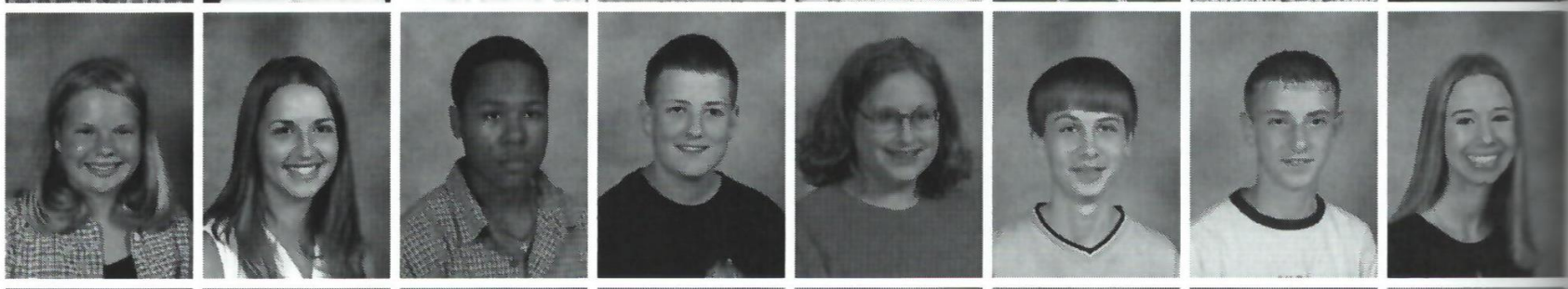

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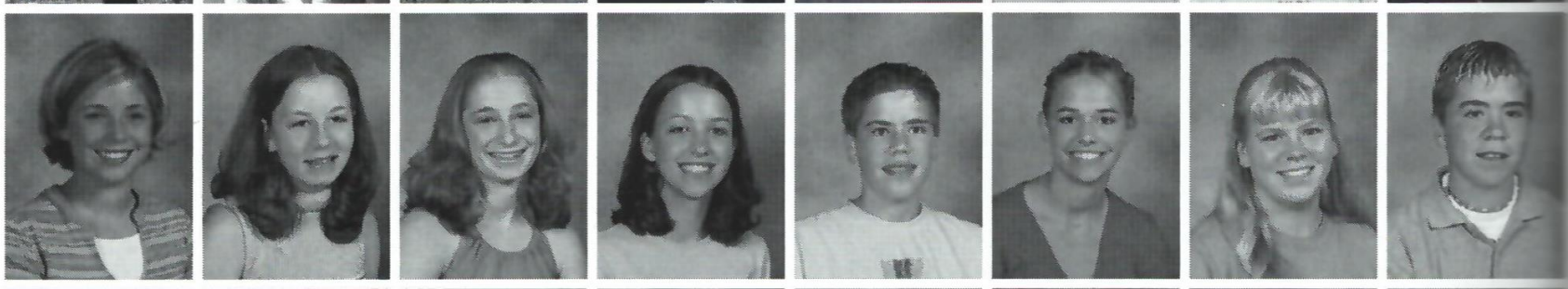

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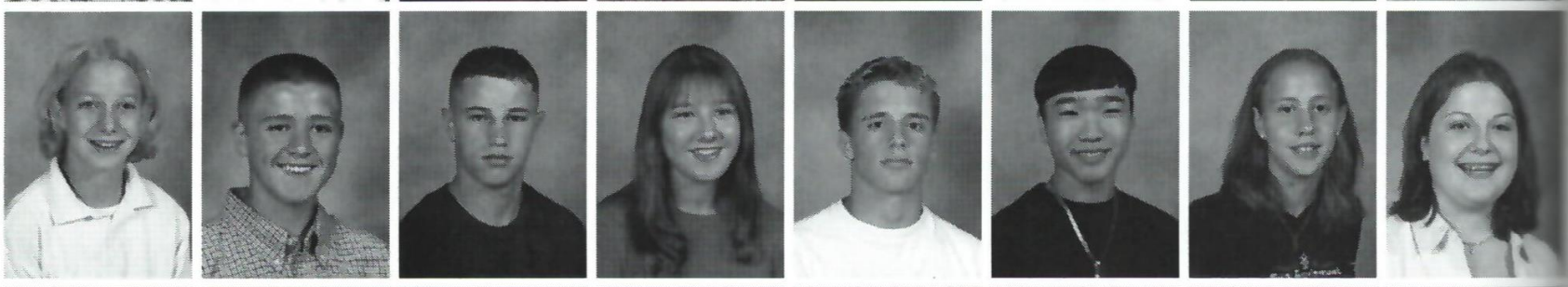

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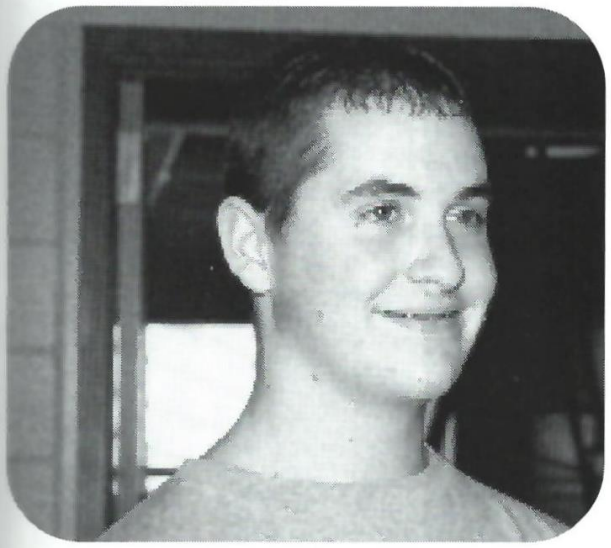

[which is | better?] private vs. public

pages by Dan Johnson

Before coming to MN, freshman David Donovan attended Trinity Christian School. Adjusting from a private to public school was a change for David. He found it to be a nice change.

Transitioning from jr. high school to high school, he found the teaching and teachers were different between the two schools.

"The teachers at Trinity were more relational because there were less students. The teachers here are more efficient anOd get the job done."

David was also fond of MN's longer lunch period and weight room. He also found a chance to meet new people and get involved in more activities. He also plans to go out for the Wrestling team this year.

"I really like Millard North".

Freshman David Donovan looks on through the hallway. He enjoyed the chance to participate in football and wrestling which were not available at his previous school. PHOTO BY ASHLEY ROSENBOOM

Freshman David Donovan and friend Bobby Learch wait in the airport to go on a missions trip. Trinity Christian School doubled as a church. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY DAVID DONOVAN

"There are more opportunities to excel here at MN. It is bigger and more diverse."

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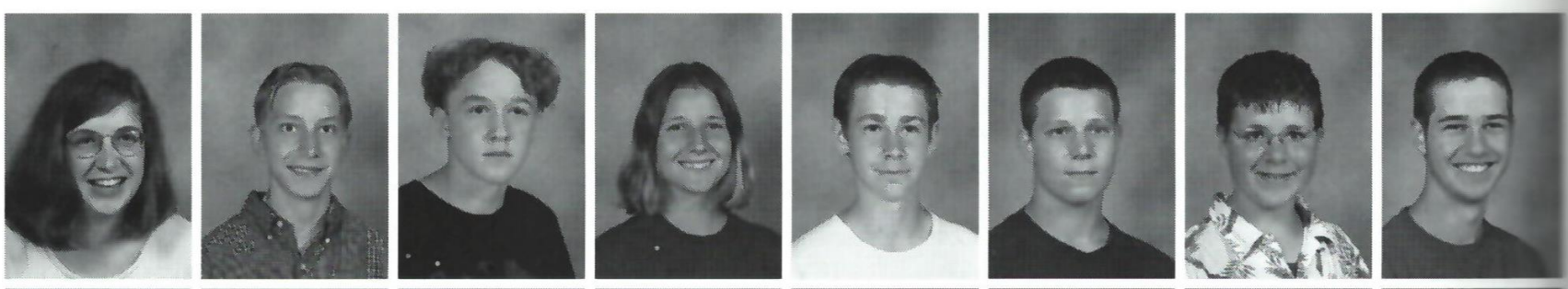

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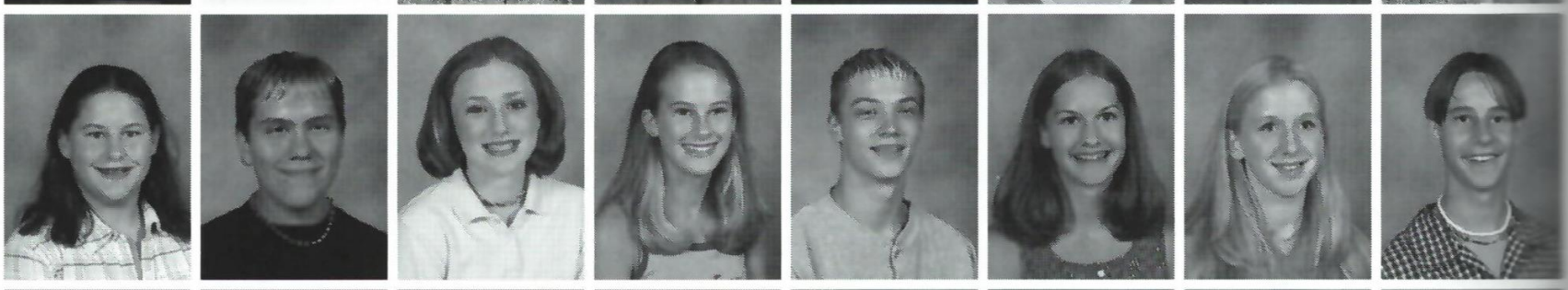

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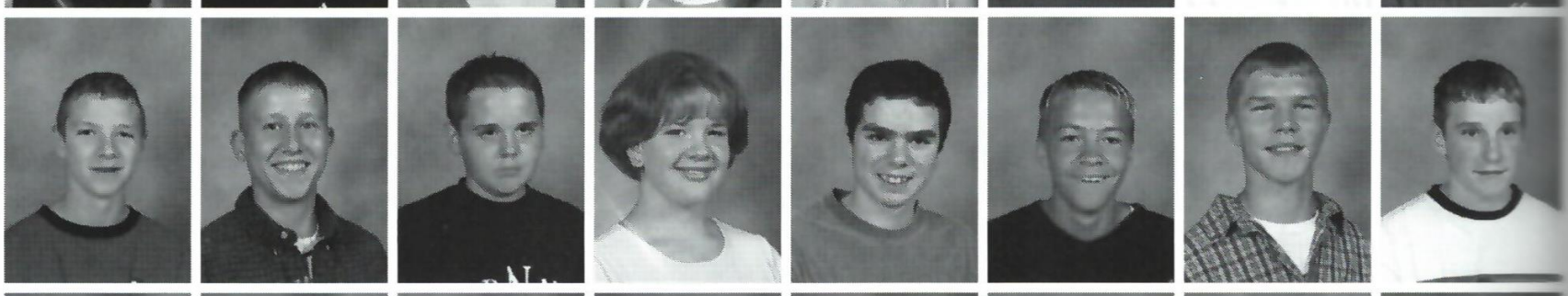

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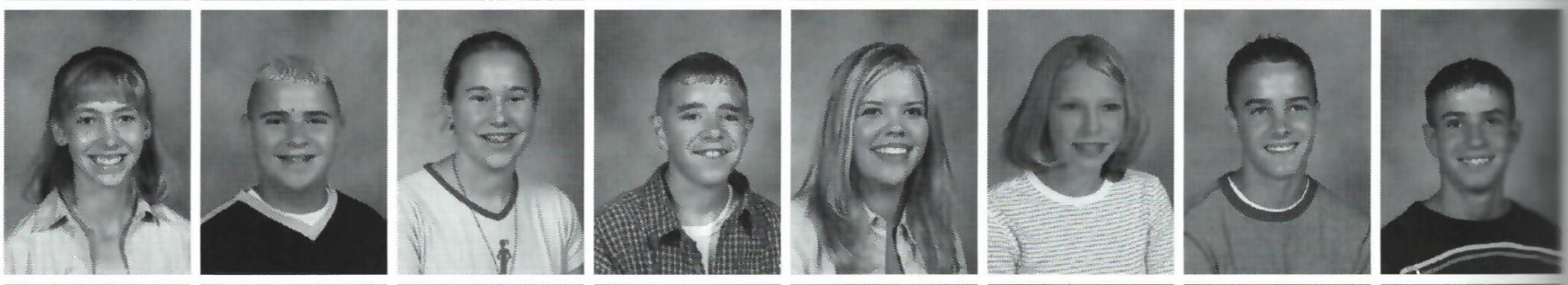

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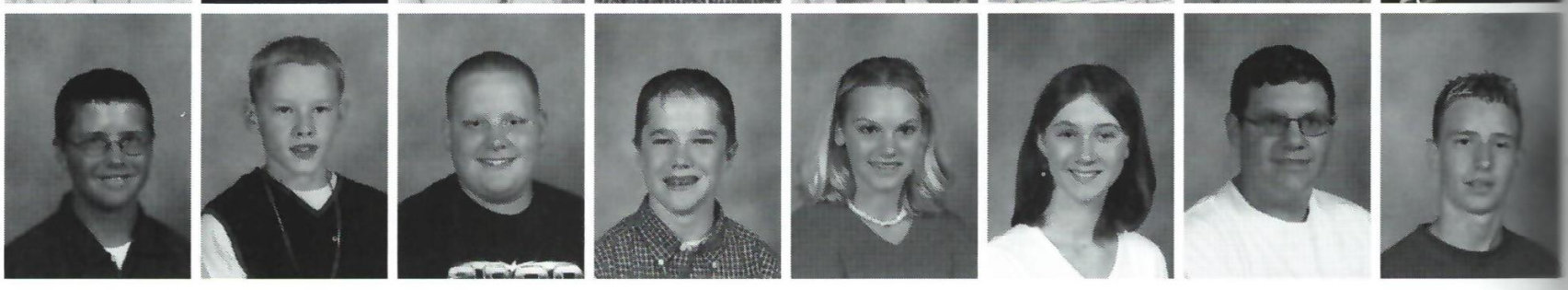

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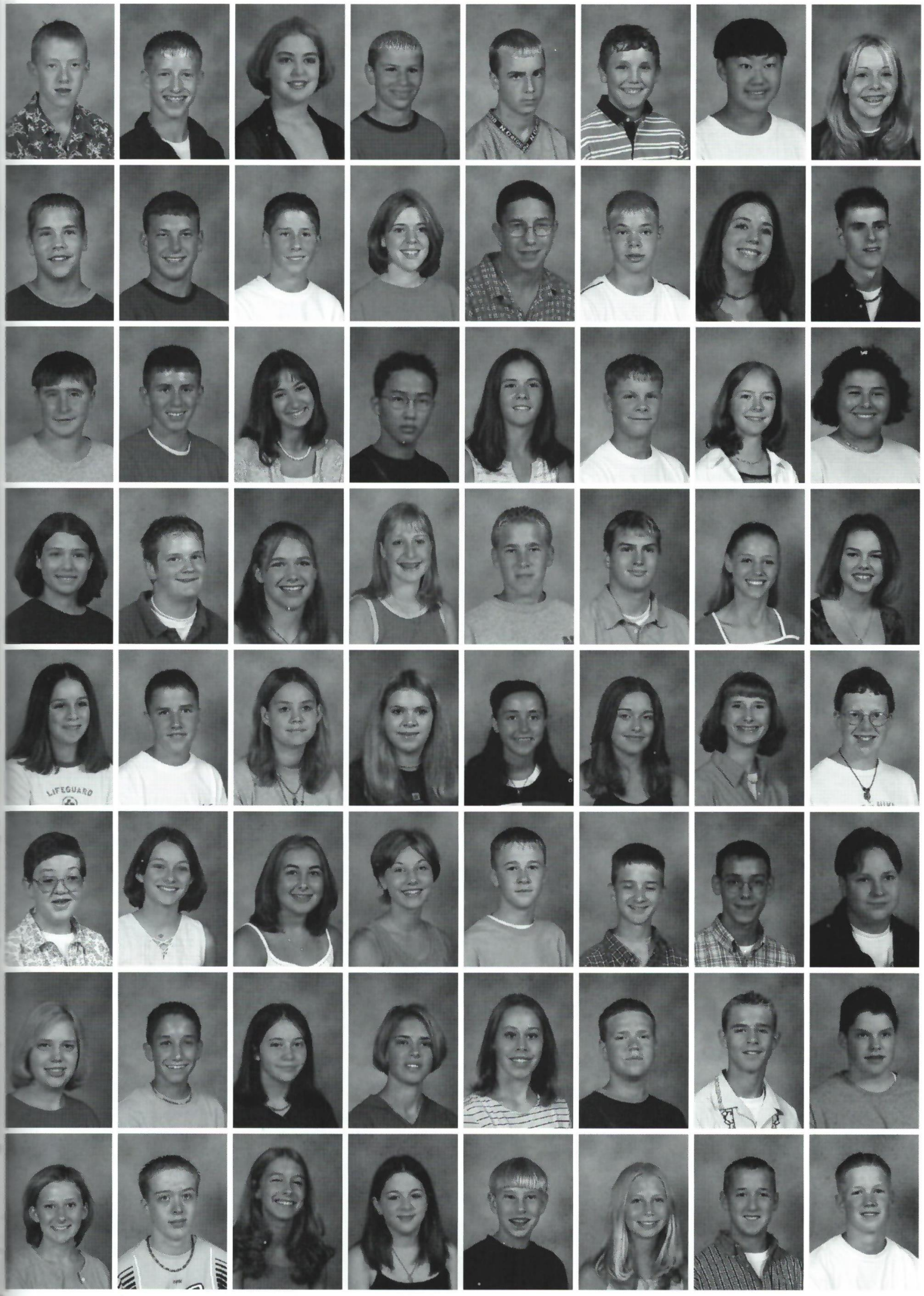

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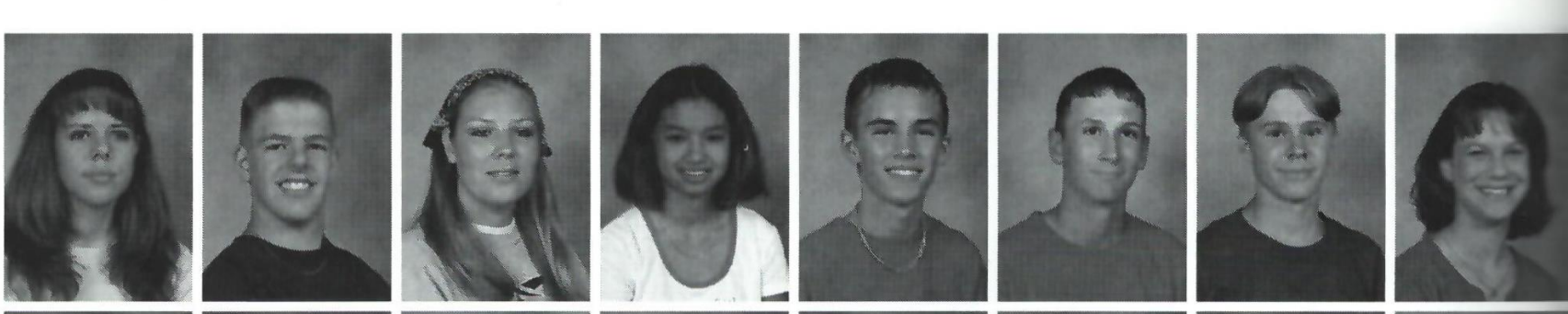

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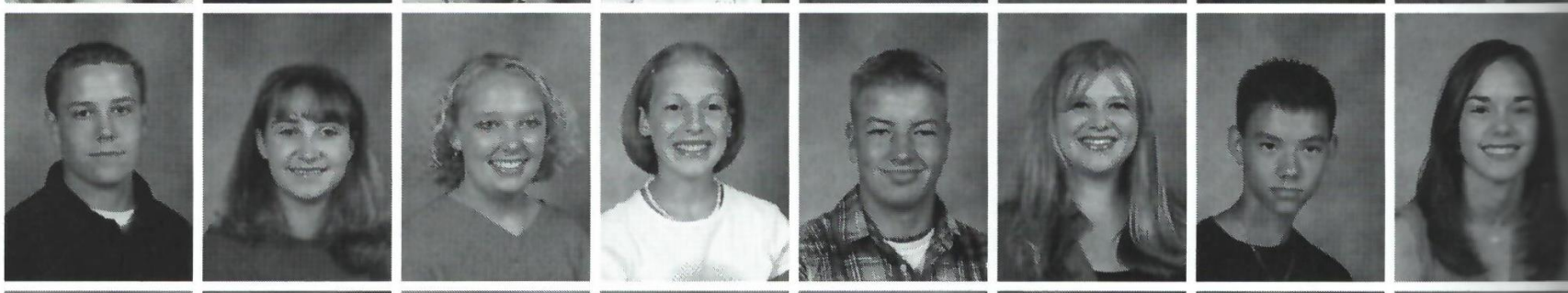

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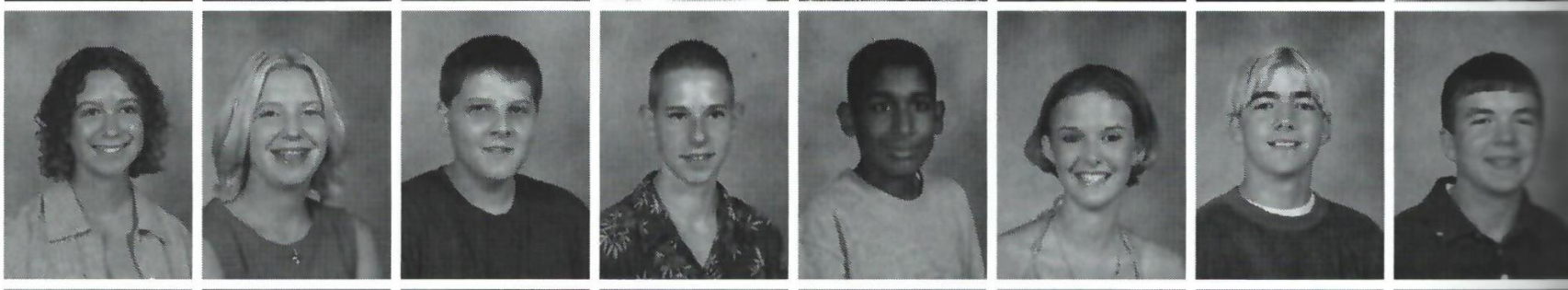

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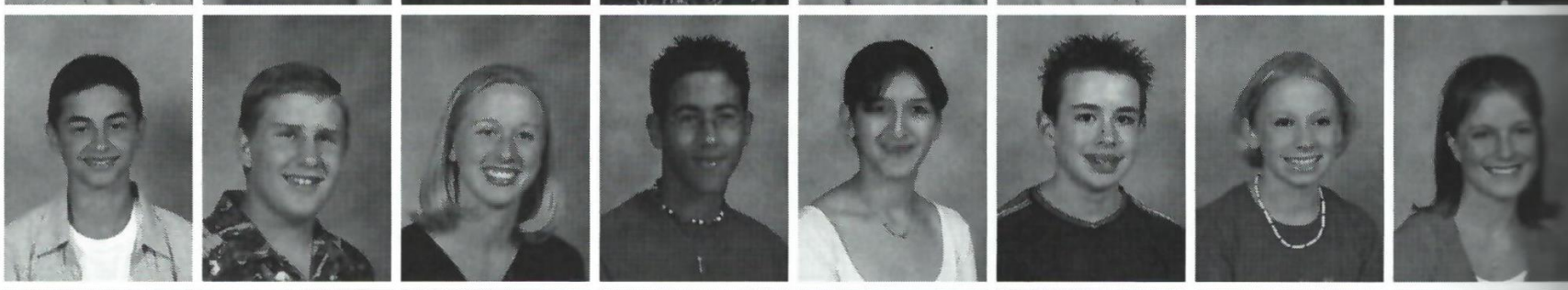

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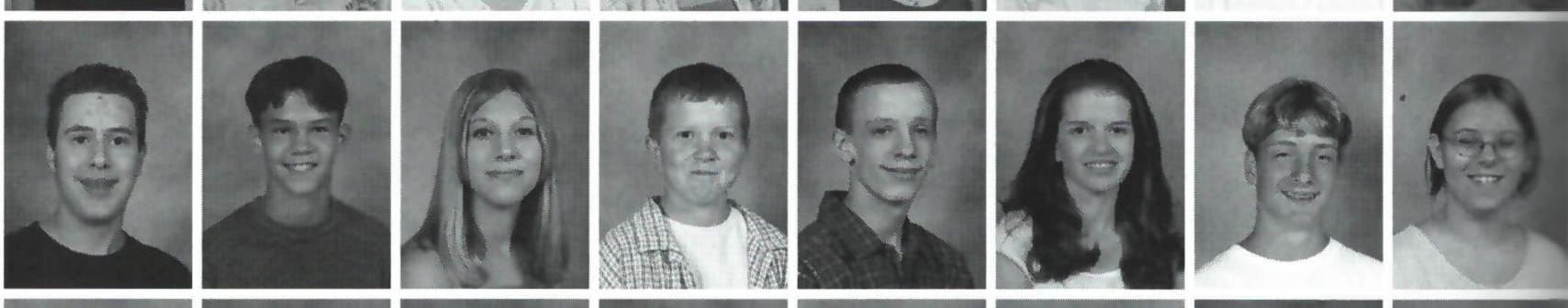

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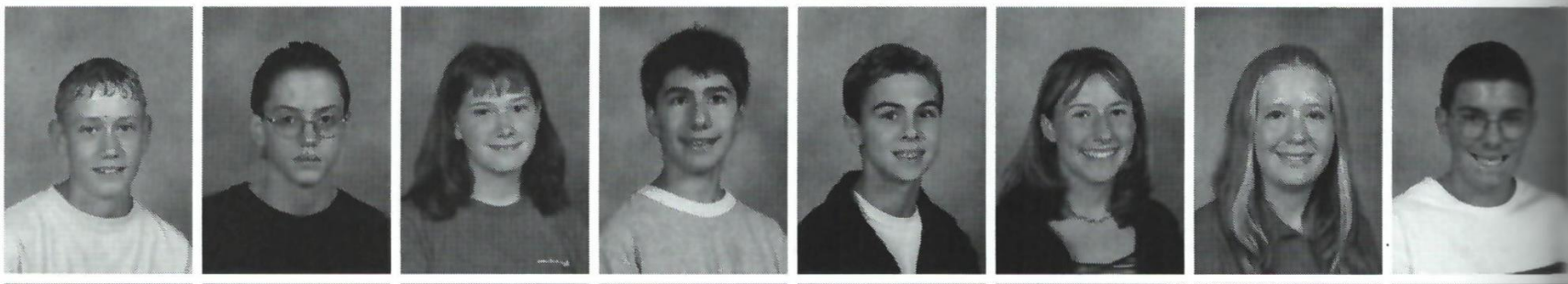

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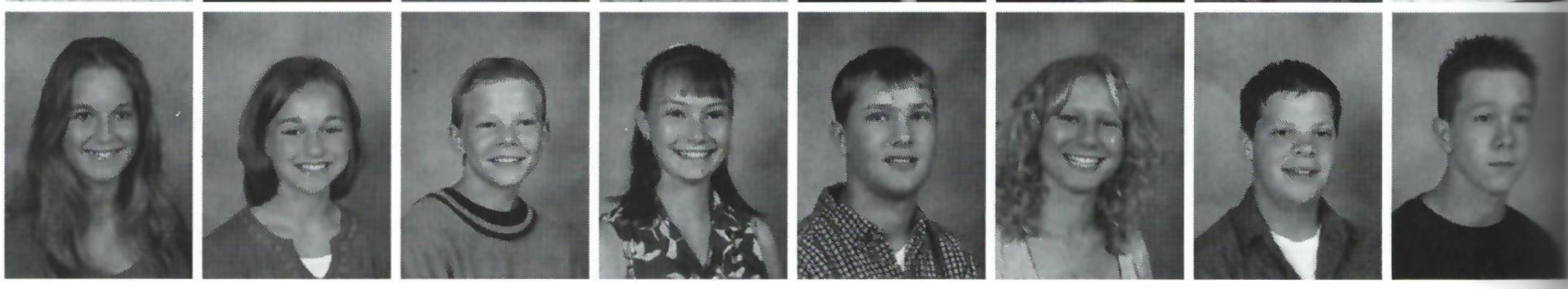

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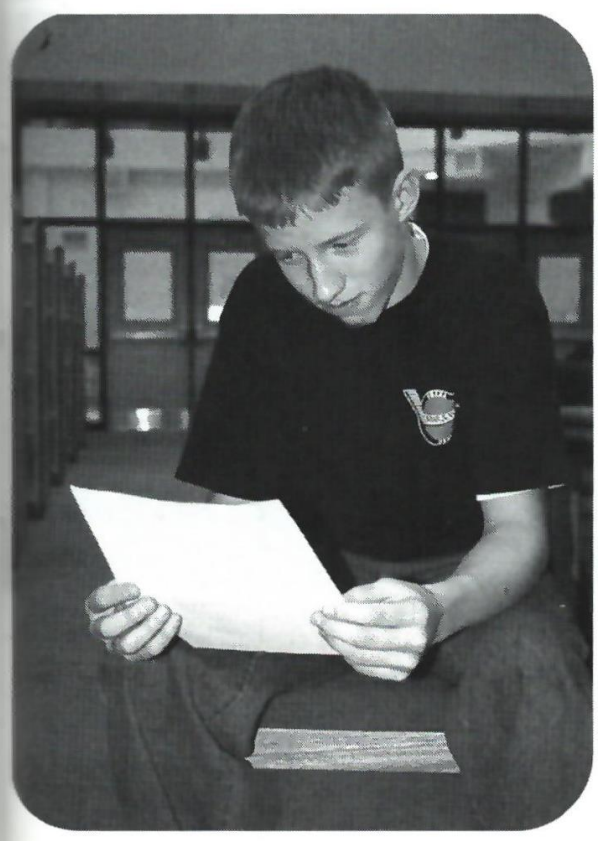

[what it means] to be a freshman

pages by Lindsey Parkyns

Getting lost, experiencing confusion, and trying to fit in were concerns commonly associated with the beginning of a high school career.

As many freshmen found out though, this was not unusual. The class of 2004 came to high school and realized that they were no longer at the head of the class.

"It is humbling after being at the top in middle school [age wise]. It seems like we are nothings now that we are in high school," freshman Anna Kolbeck said.

As a freshman Matt Marquiss learned, "You have to know your role to all the upperclassmen."

"Here in high school there are so many new people and tons more spirit than in middle school!" freshmen Rebeca Smedlund said.

Stopping for some refreshments between class is freshman Matt Marquis. Making dashes to the candy and pop machines was a daily routine to the newcomer.
PHOTO BY NATE MARQUIS

Freshman Ben Legrow buckles down and studies in the library. Coming to the library with his fourth hour class gave him an opportunity to get to know others while learning. PHOTO BY NATE MARQUIS

"Lunch is better, there are many more people, and better activitites. Being a freshman includes looking up to upperclassmen."
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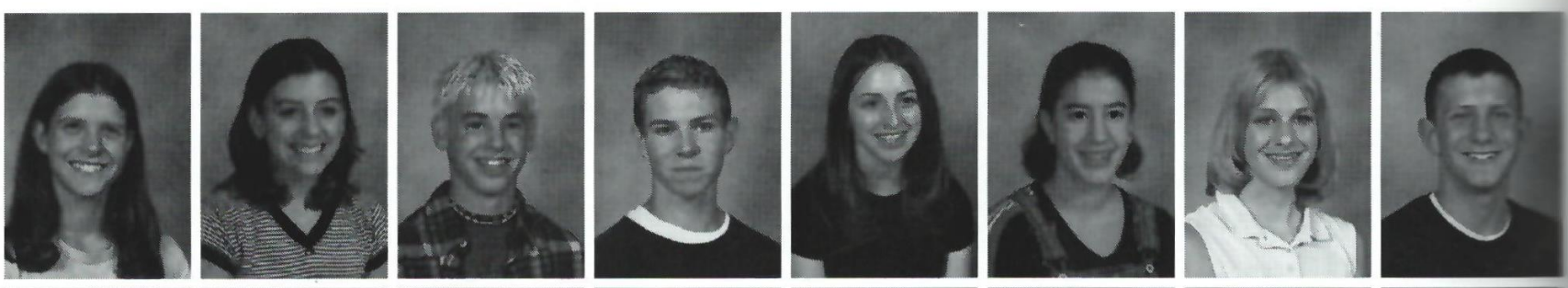

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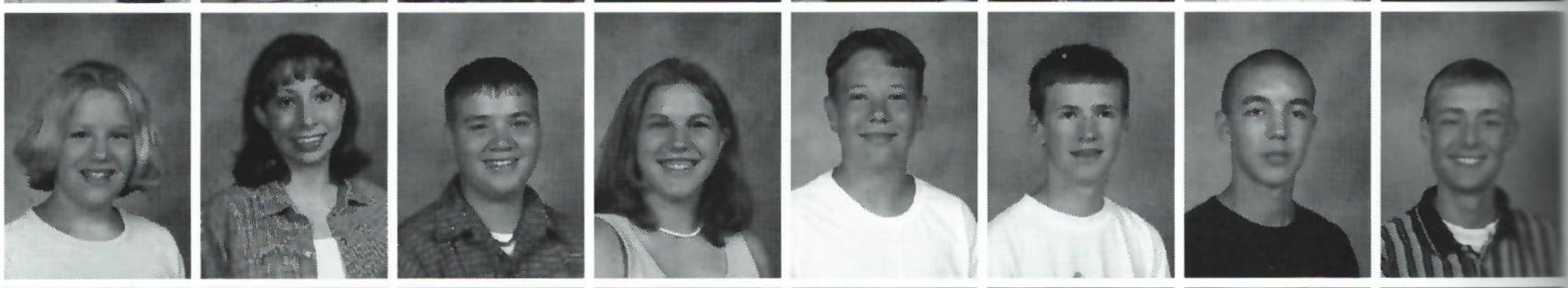

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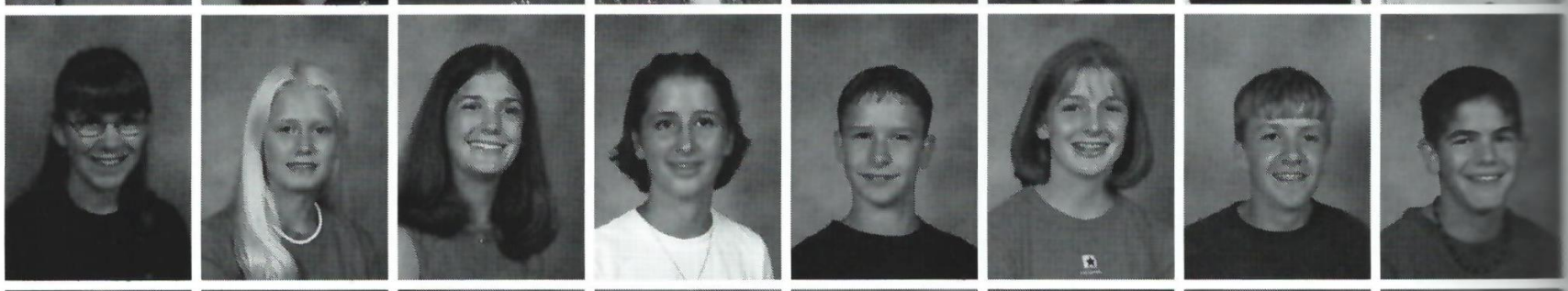

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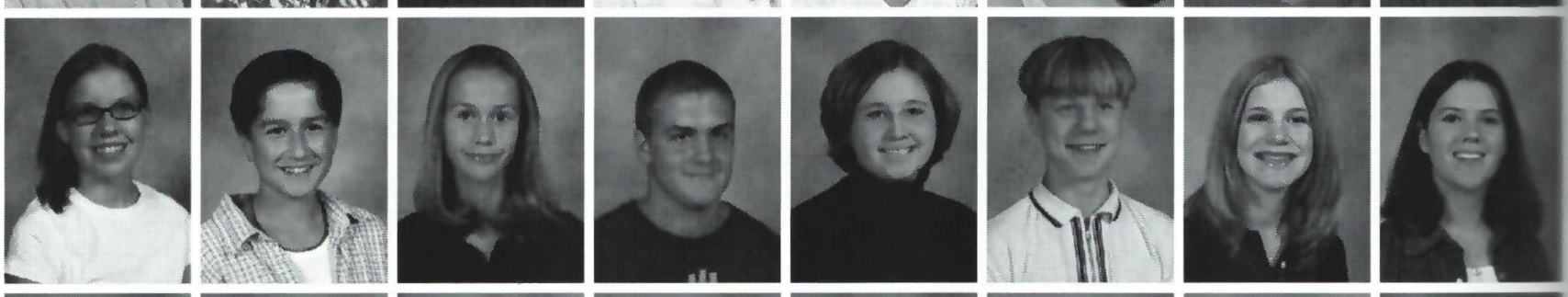

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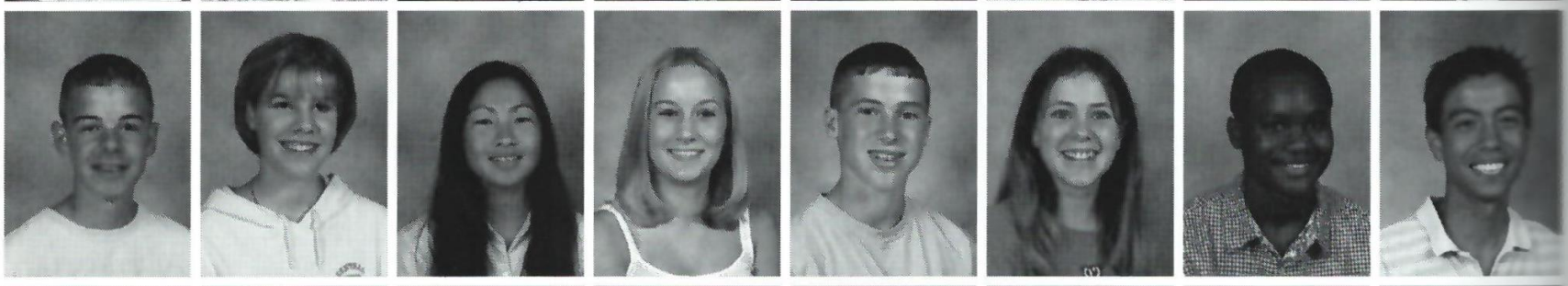

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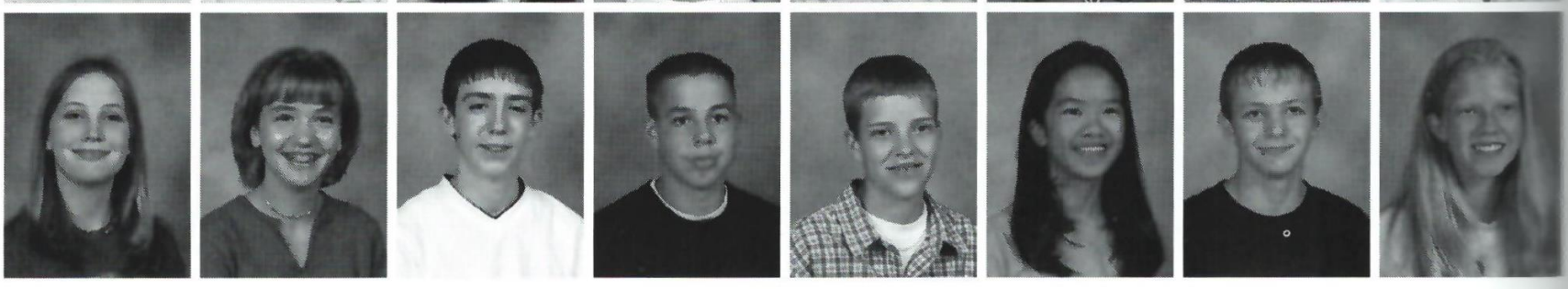

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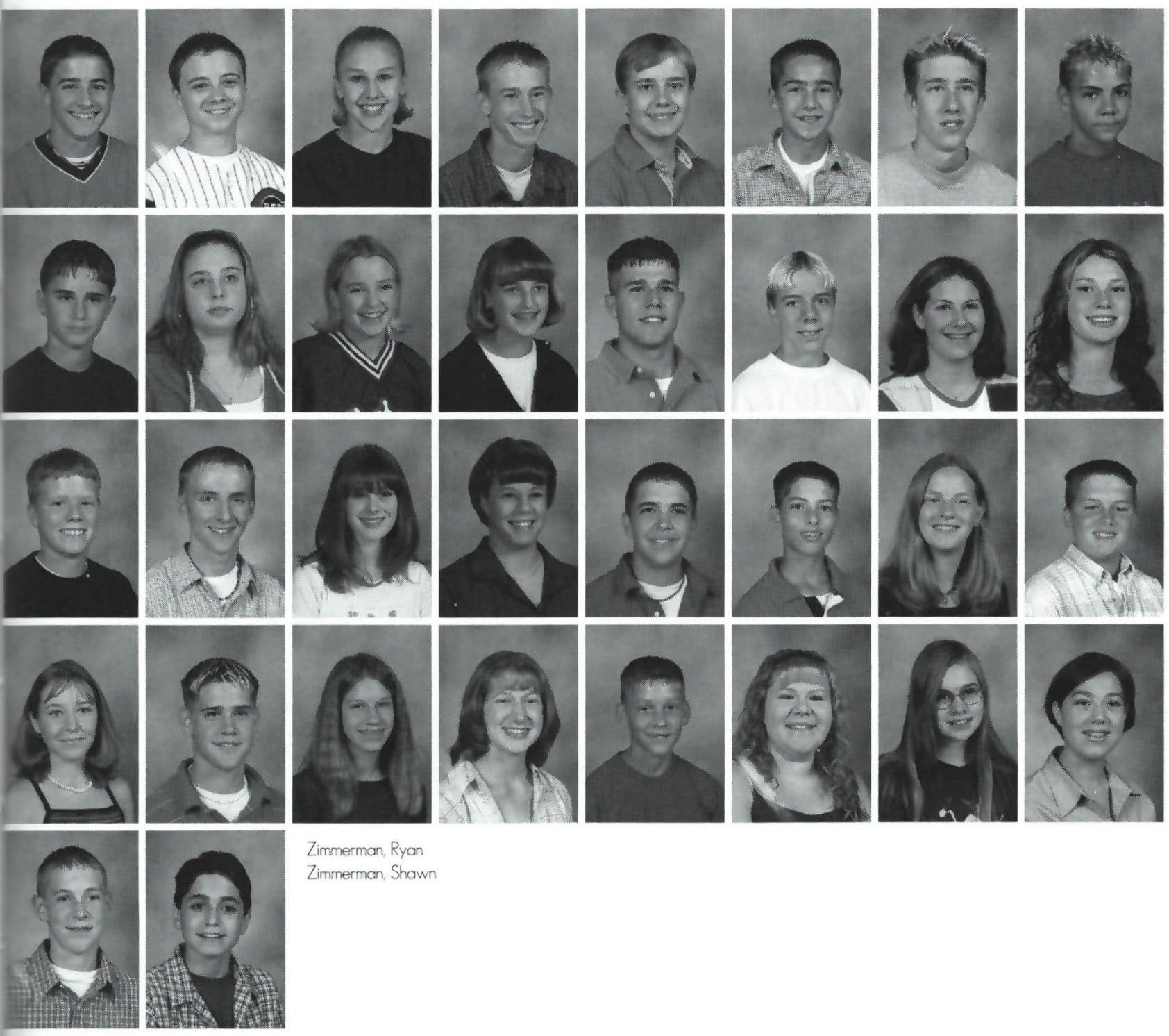

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[hit the | road] for the very first time

pages by Lauren Banghart

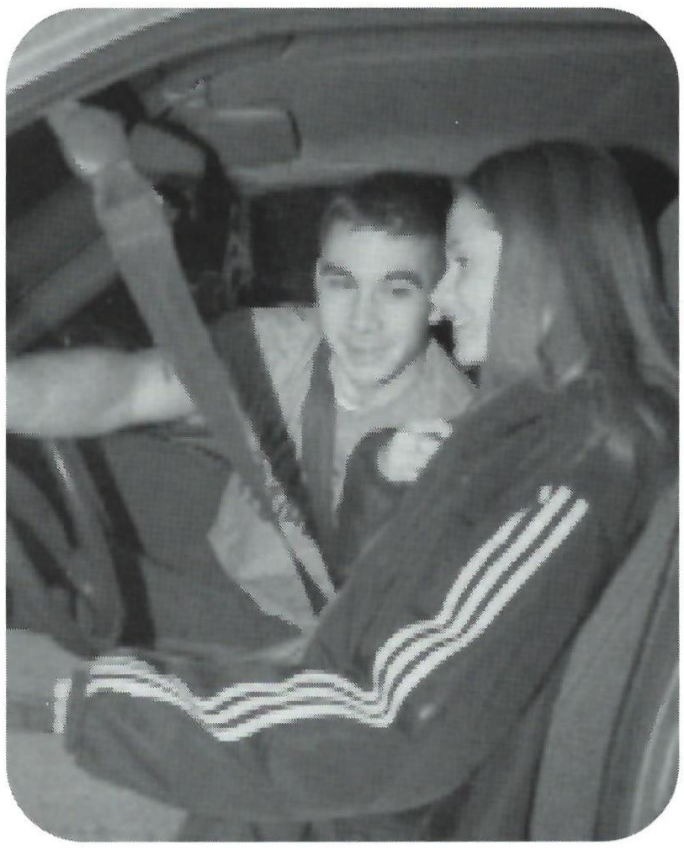
Waiting to be the legal age. Some students turned 15 during their sophomore year, but most students turned that age during their freshmen year.

"I couldn't wait until my 15th birthday, and now I'm counting down the days until my 16th birthday. When I'm behind the wheel of a car, I feel like I am older and more mature," freshmen **Adam Schaal** said.

When students turned 16, cufews started to become an issue with parents.

"My parents are pretty lenient when it comes to curfews, as long as they know where I am going, and who I am with. When I turn 16, I don't think that their attitude will change much about curfew. They just trust me," freshmen **Erin Rosenbaugh** said.

Trust was the main difference between how often and how late some students got to drive compared to others. Responsibility sometimes played a role in how much trust each student was given by their parents.



Freshman Courtney Pierce learns how to drive with junior Mark Schulte's in his car. Upperclassmen let younger students practice driving their cars. PHOTO BY ASHLEY ROSENBOOM

Science teacher Dave Noodell helps juniors Scott Dunaway and Spencer Bartlett on their homework. They were working on a group project in environmental science, a single-semester class, during second hour of first semester. Seniors and juniors were allowed to take this class.
PHOTO BY MEGAN CLAUS

Staff members Lynn Bohac, Sherryl Shannon, Dr. Linda Wyatt, Nancy Anderson, Maureen Konwinski, and Deb Ady enjoy their dinner break during parent teacher conferences. Blimpies' sandwiches were provided by the school, and parents brought in desserts for the teachers and staff members that evening.
PHOTO BY SHEILA PEDERSEN

Para Sandy Johnson feeds senior Erin Eisenmenger during lunch while para Marcus Twyman, junior Rebecca Arndt and para Linda Weyrauch join them. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

staff miracle workers

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Linsey Armbrust

Hard work and dedication to the students is just part of an everyday activity for the teachers and staff members of MN. Whether it was working in the classroom or helping students after school, the staff found that the time spent with students was the best part of their job.

Working in a fun atomosphere with great faculty and students is why art teacher **Mirm Tredway** has enjoyed the past three years.

"The faculty has a great sense of humor and being an art teacher, I get to teach kids who want to be here," Tredway said.

Teachers created special bonds with students which made a better learning atmosphere and encouraged students to open up.

"High school kids have so much energy and every kid that walks through my door I create a special bond with. It's a great feeling to know that you have done something to help kids excel in life," English teacher Ilene Kelly said.

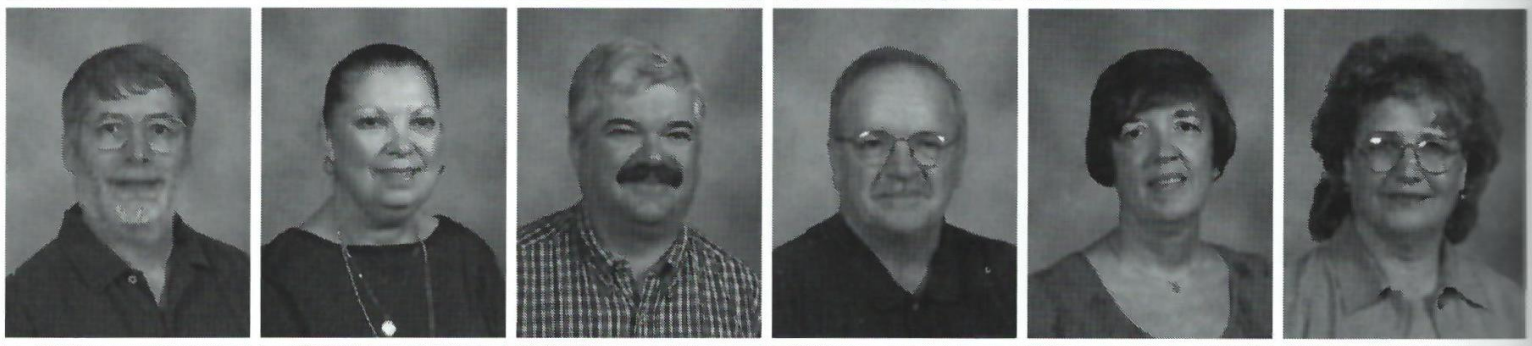
Whether it was teaching or advising students, staff members found positive ways to influence their students.

English teacher Ilene Kelly talks with juniors Steviee Zimmerman and Brittany Bowers during her English 11 class. Kelly has been teaching English and speech classes since 1984. PHOTO BY JOSH CHEEK

Ady, Deb-English Department Head
Alfrey, Jeff-Assistant Principal
Amidon, Jan-English
Anderson, Nancy-Social Studies
Anthone, Georgann-Cook
Babani, Carleen-Community Counselor

Bacon, Kara-English
Bagley, Sandra-Assistant Principal
Barner, Tim-Technology-JV Football Coach
Batenhorst, Ellen-English
Bayne, Mary-English
Bents, Michele-Foreign Language

Biga, Emil-Math
Bohac, Lynn-English
Boldt, Tom-Science
Bose, Leon-Physical Education-Varsity Boys Basketball, Boys Golf
Bowers, Kay-English As A Second Language
Buda, Nancy-Foreign Language, IB Coordinator



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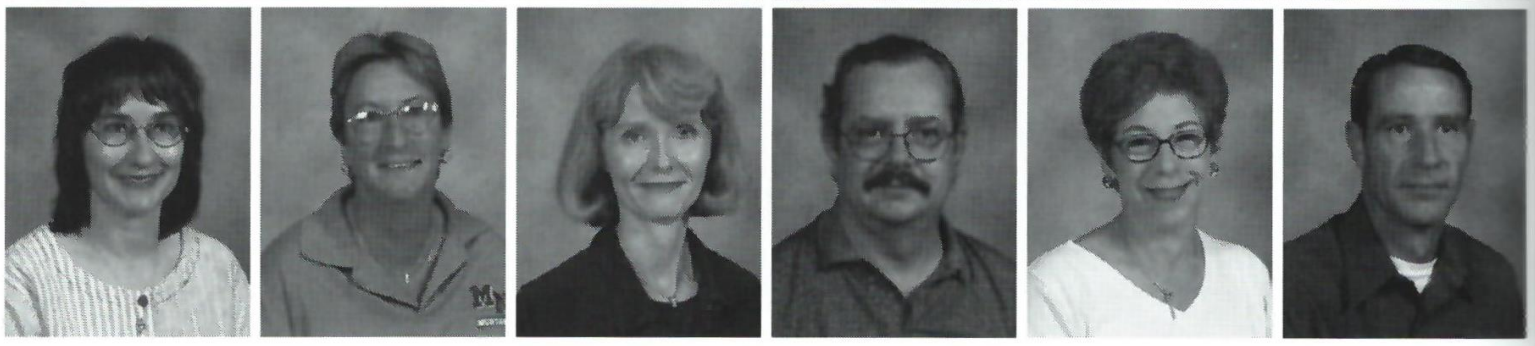
Butcher, Pam-Science
Buttner, Pam-Family & Consumer Science
Carlin, Joan-Clerical
Caruso, Joe-Guidance
Catton, Sheila-Science

Chaloupka, Julie-Speech Pathologists
Christensen, Colleen-Clerical
Christenson, Kathy-Cook
Conaway, Ladonna-Foreign Language
Cunningham, Bill-Foreign Language-Varsity Boys Soccer, Language Club
Diedrichsen, Amy-Foreign Language

Dobash, Karen-English
Doll, Nancy-Clerical
Domski, Barb-Family and Consumer Science
Doyle, Linda-Cook
Edge, Mark-Social Studies
Elledge, Judy-Special Education

Ellis, Krista-Special Education
Emerson, Theresa-Cook
Farr, Dorothy-Assistant Principal
Fidler, Andy-Social Studies
Fischer, Jan-English-Winter Play
Franke, George-Industrial Tech



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Gibbs, Adele-Clerical
Goodall, Kathy-Special Education
Griffin, Vicki-Guidance-NHS
Grovijohn, Brenda-Cook
Hagedorn, Kim-Math
Hahn, Andy-Guidance

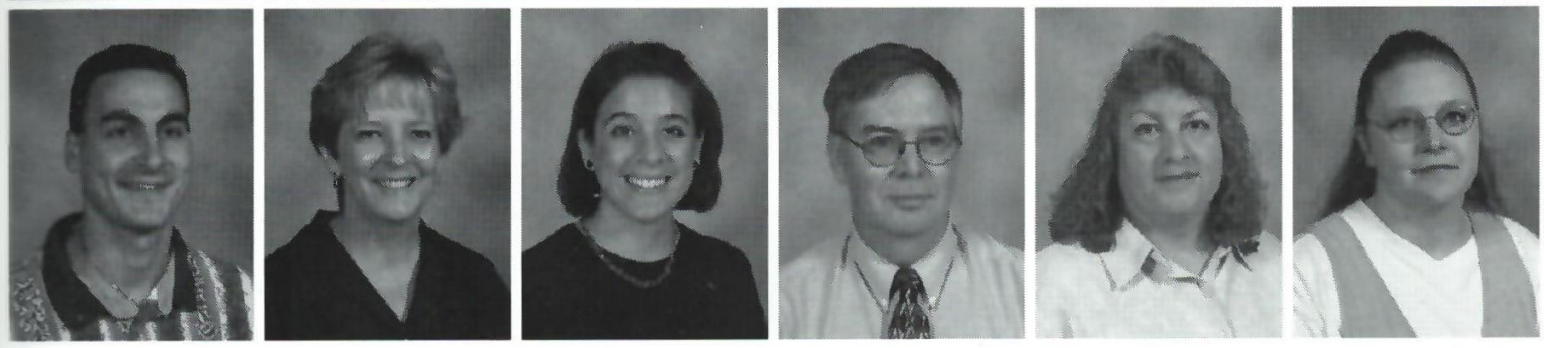
Hawkins, Mark-English-Spring Play
Heard, Bill-Social Studies, 9th Boys Basketball
Hendricks, Cindy-Cook
Hiykel, Bonnie-Math
Horton, Karen-Nurse
Hubert, Gretta-Social Studies, Varsity Volleyball coach

Jensen, Theresa-Foreign Language
Johnette, Ron-Science
Johnsen, Sandy-Clerical
Johnson, Beth-Special Education
Johnson, Sandra-Clerical
Jones, Jenna-English, Mustangs Making a Difference

Kelly, Ilene-English
Kensmoe, Paula-Cook
Kershner, Leann-Cook
Koerten, Jean-English
Kokrda, Eunice-Family & Consumer Science-Department Head
Kolander, Julia-Foreign Languag, Reserve Softball

Konwinski, Maureen-Social Studies-History Club
Kratochvil, Marla-Special Education
Kubik, Grace-Cook
Kuhn, Carol-English-FEA
Lammers, Dianne-Clerical
Layton, Jolene-Cook

Lenz, Vince-Guidance Department Herad
Lincoln, Stacey-Math
Linkugel, Kim-Technology
Lyons, Beth-Business
Mahrt, Eileen-Cook
Mallisee, Stephanie-Math-Student Council



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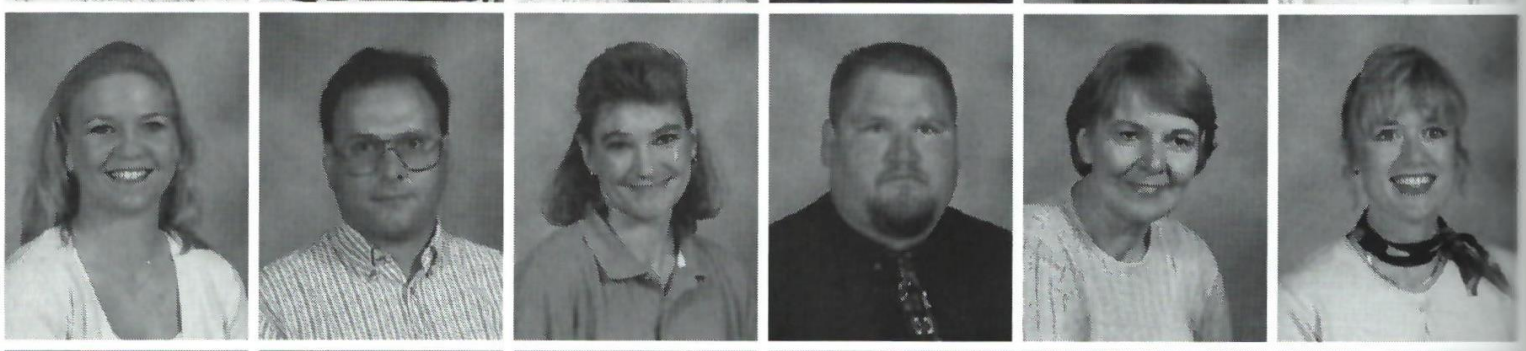
Marron, Nancy-Psychologist
Martin, Leslie-Math
May, Leon-Foreign Language Department Head
McCluskey, Carol-Clerical
McNemar, Ellen-Math

McVicker, Shirley-Social Studies
Mertz, Walter-Science, Assist Boys Track
Mikula, Marilyn-Speech Pathologist
Mills, Connie-English
Miner, Jim-Science
Moneke, Gene-Guidance

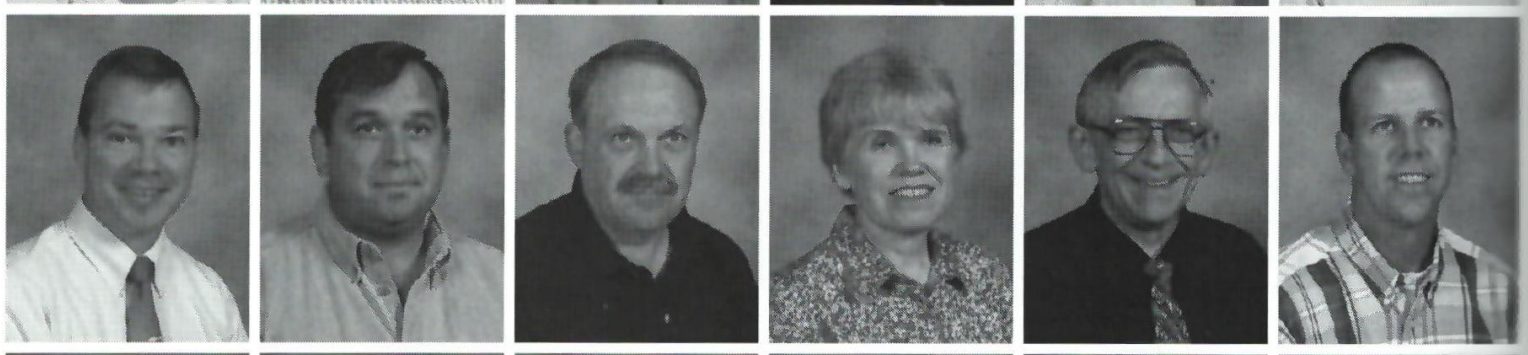
Monzingo, Trent-Science
Morgan, Sarah-English, Debate
Morris, Raven-Math
Morrissey, June-Activities Director, Department Head
Mullins, Janis-Business
Murray, Joan-Math

Nabity, Cindy-Choral Music Director
Neemann, Karla-Clerical
Neemann, Mike-Math-Department Head, Head Boys Track
Neidig, Tracy-Clerical
Nelson, Robin-Family & Comsumer Science
Neth, Keith-Social Studies-JCB

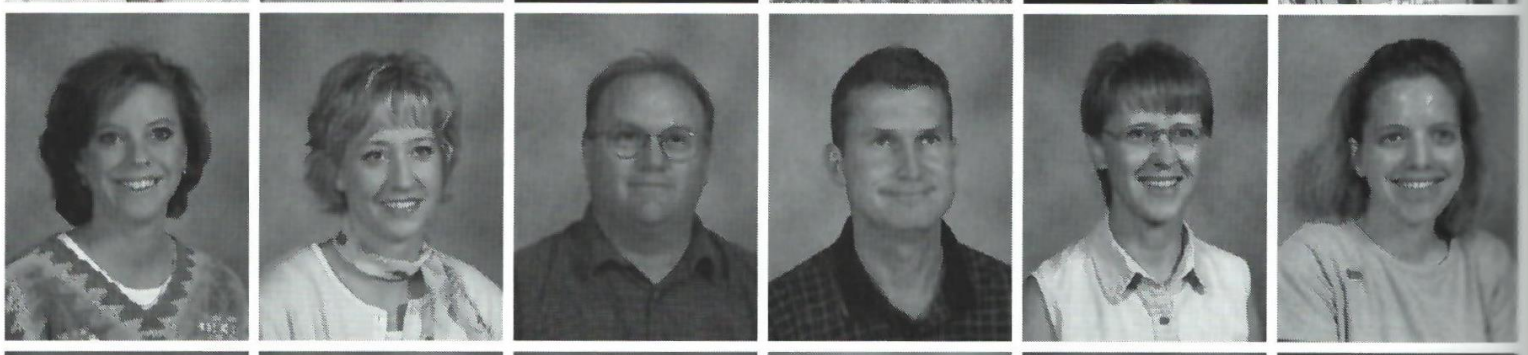
Nielsen, Nicole-Math
Noodell, Dave-Science-Department Head
Norland, Shelly-Cook
Ott, Lance-Social Studies-VIA
Otteman, Linda-Math
Owen, Shari-Family & Comsumer Science-FCCLA



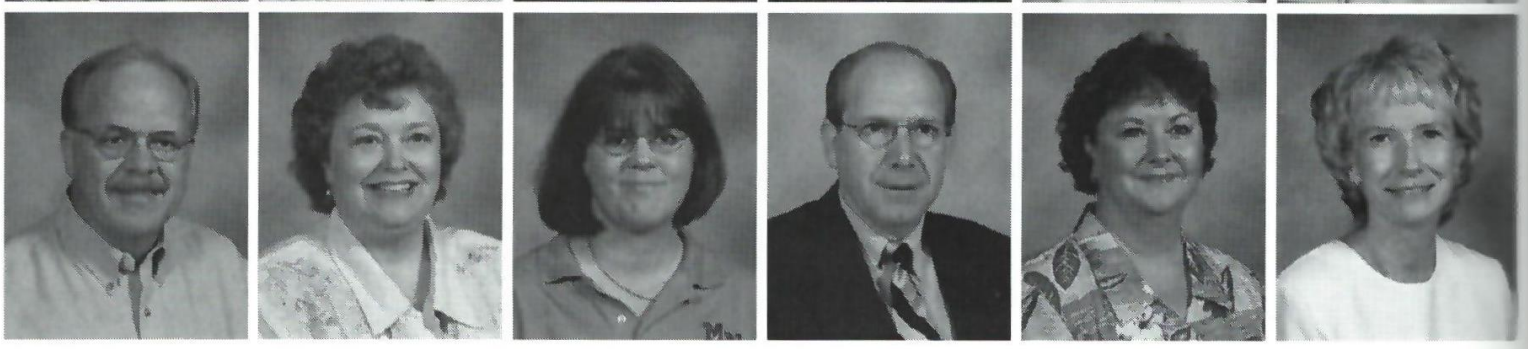
Parkison, Dan-Science
Patten, Dave-Industiral Tech Department Head, VICA
Patterson, Bob-Music-Band
Pedersen, Sheila-English-Yearbook, Newspaper
Peterson, Terry-English-Forensics-Fall Musical
Pilkington, Mark-Social Studies, Girls Golf



Preble, Maureen-Math, 9th Girls Basketball
Preuss, Christina-Science
Pulverenti, Jeff-Math, JV Boys Soccer
Quint, Mike-Social Studies, Boys Track
Reed, Mindy-Physical Education-Girls Track , 9th Girls Basketball
Reisbig, Beth-English



Renken, Doug-Special Education
Richter, Karen-Special Education Department Head
Ringer, Deb-Cook
Ritz, Jeff-Social Studies-Varsity Girls Basketball
Ronan, Michelle-Special Education
Saunders, Ginny-Foreign Language



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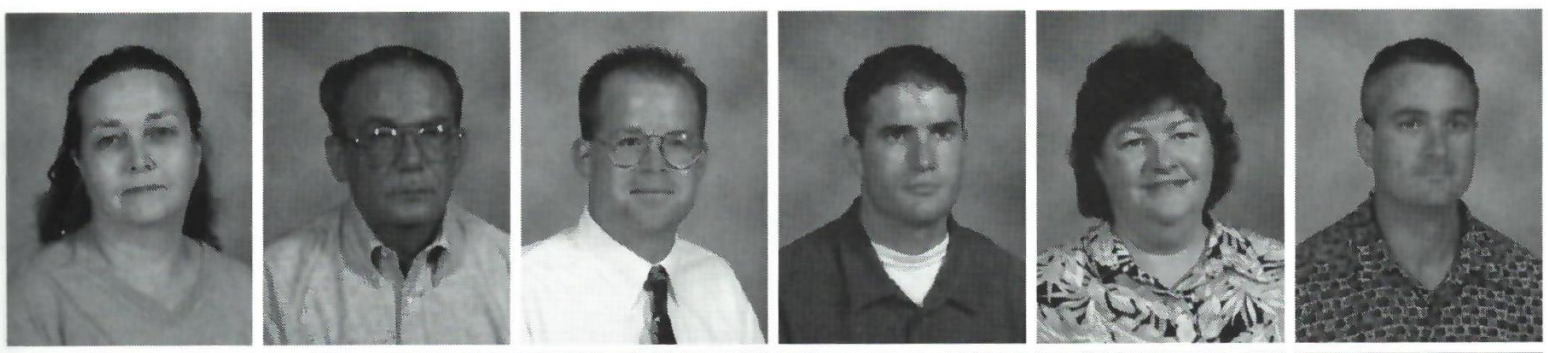
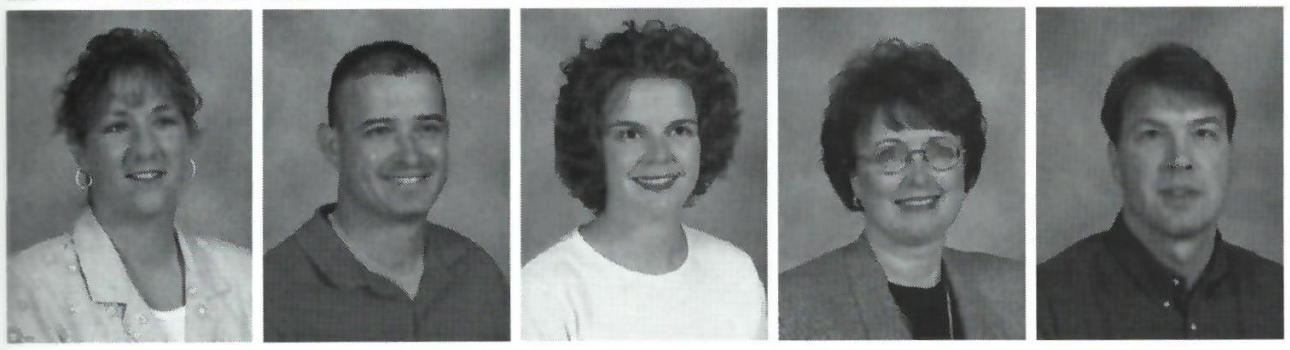


Schimenti, Margie-Art
Schnabel, Dallas-Business
Sheppard, Matt-Music-Band
Soucie, Paul-Industrial Tech
Sours, Elaine-Clerical
Southworth, John-Social Studies, Reserve Baseball

Stevens, Joanne-Art
Stewart, Brenda-Foreign Language-Foreign Language Club
Strasil, Mary-Special Education
Swoboda, John-Special Education
Tredway, Mirm-Art-Student Council
Twyman, Marcus-Special Education para

Vawter, Kim-Media-Litery Maazine., Writer's Club, Broadcast Club
Wagner, Louise-Cook
Weaver, Joyce-Cook
Weinmaster, Kim-Cook
Welsh, Kelly-English
Weyrauch, Linda-Clerical



White, Lora-Clerical
Willets, John-Special Education
Wolff, Melanie-Foreign Language-Foreign Language Club
Wyatt, Llinda-Principal
Yakus, Bob-Science, Chess Club

"It's nice to see we continue to strive for improvements."

Margie Schimenti——————art teacher

well-rounded staff

as suggested by
Mirm Tredway ——————art teacher

School Board

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Sheri Everts Rogers . Vice President
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Dr. Sandra Bagley . Assistant Principal
Dave Fitzekam . Assistant Principal
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June Morrissey . Activities Director

Hear THIS 2001

Got Milk? MN played a part in a 15 week program to try out Roberts milk machines. Omaha was one of five cities in the U.S. to be involved. The choices of milk were orange, strawberry, white, and chocolate.

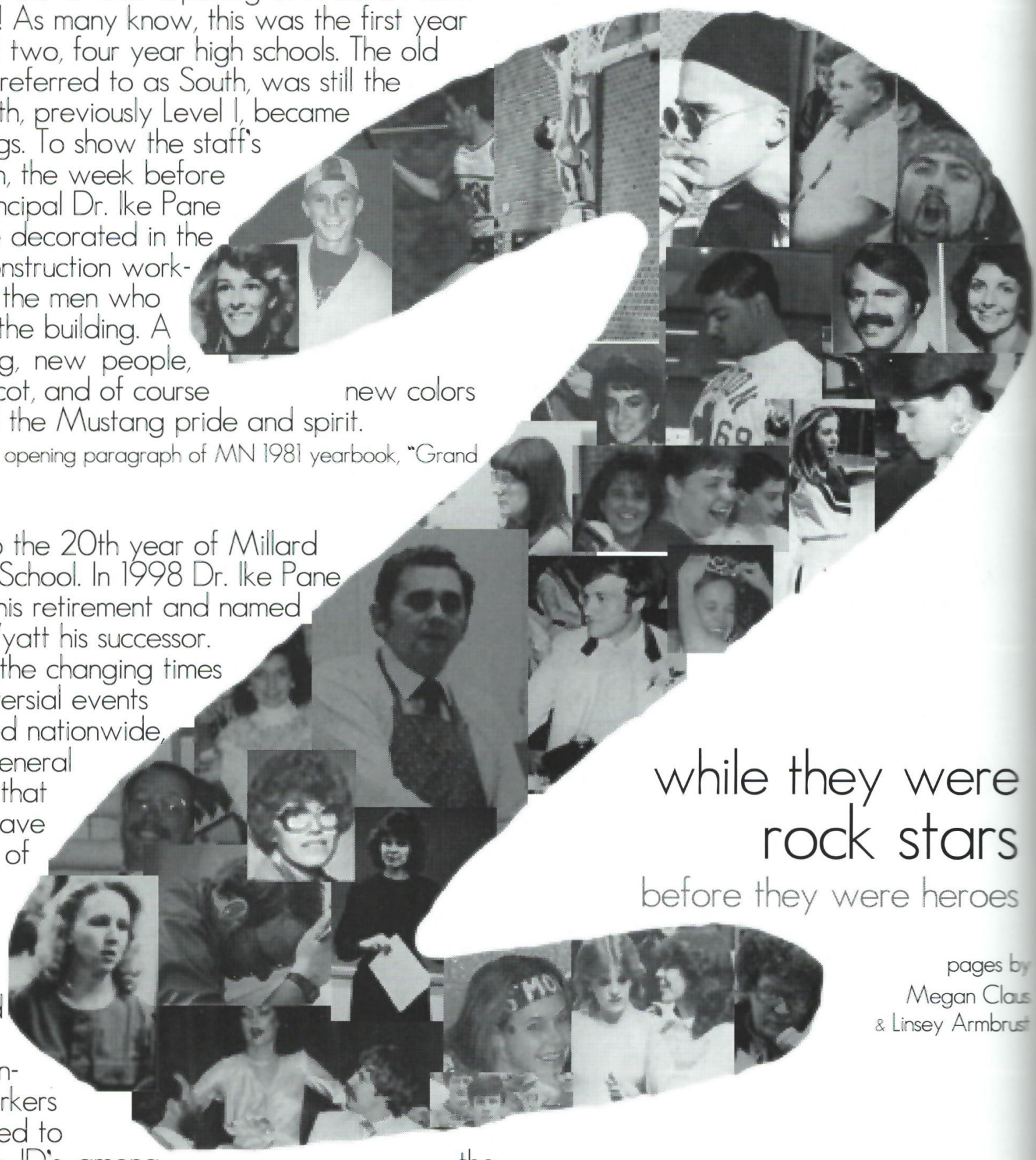
loud history

1981

Welcome to the Grand Opening of Millard North High School! As many know, this was the first year Millard had two, four year high schools. The old high school, referred to as South, was still the Indians, North, previously Level I, became the Mustangs. To show the staff's appreciation, the week before opening, Principal Dr. Ike Pane took a cake decorated in the image of construction workers, over to the men who worked on the building. A new building, new people, friends, mascot, and of course new colors represented the Mustang pride and spirit.
[Taken from the opening paragraph of MN 1981 yearbook, "Grand Opening."]

2001

Welcome to the 20th year of Millard North High School. In 1998 Dr. Ike Pane announced his retirement and named Dr. Linda Wyatt his successor. Because of the changing times and controversial events that occurred nationwide, MN took general precautions that would not have been heard of 20 years before. Their hard work was appreciated by all, but even the construction workers were required to wear photo ID's among the other staff of the school. Two decades of tradition, spirit, and education were recognized and emphasized by students and staff. Those who were taught here have become those who teach. Those who taught them, became their colleagues. A remembrance of their contributions to MN's history has been vividly stated.



while they were rock stars before they were heroes

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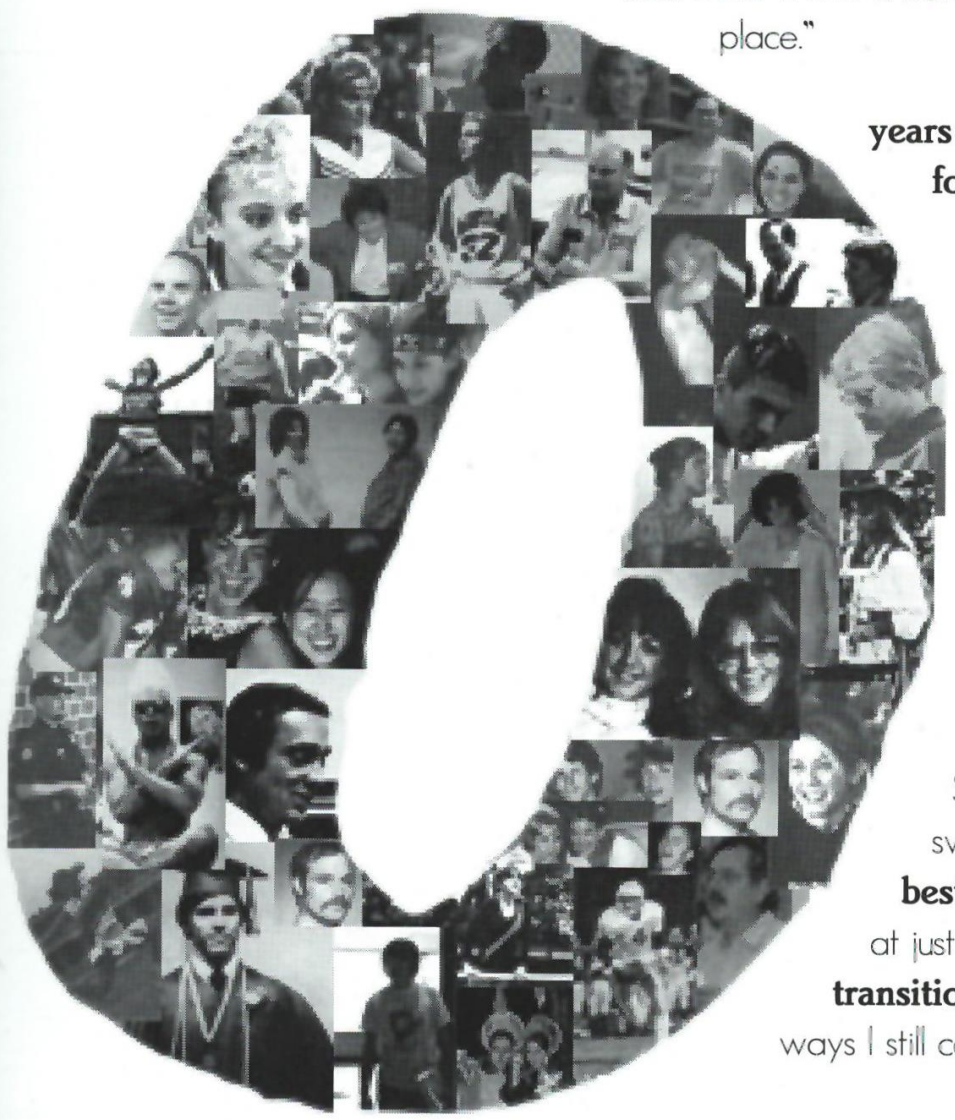
Megan Claus
& Linsey Armbrust

Kim Vawter
media

years in working at MN . since 1981
specialty . media
activities . Broadcast Club, Literary Magazine, Writer's Club
degree . Park College-BA K-12 Certificate in Art Education University of Nebraska-Omaha- Masters in Secondary and Post Secondary Education, Library Science endowment.

favorite era . "This one because of all the technological advances in music, art, and production. However, the 80's produced some great advances with personal computers."
best memory . "Mr. Rudy Papenfuhs landing on the football practice field from a helicopter during a pep rally, and the student who rode his horse to the pep rally."
personal quote . "Learn to live with less, Take no more than you need, Leave the world a better place."



Terry Eicher
teacher
social studies

years in teaching at MN . since 1981
classes taught . social studies
activities . has coached track and basketball
degree . University of Nebraska-Lincoln, classes at Hamlin College, Creighton, and University of Nebraska-Omaha. Masters Plus.

favorite era . "As long as I am living, it is a favorite era- both eras have been the source of frustration as both represented the "greed is good" philosophy. As far as MNHS, I've enjoyed the students in both eras. I think the 80's represented more school spirit, more of a feeling of togetherness; there seems less of that now. As a teacher, the atmosphere was also more personal; now there is more of a corporate, "bottom line" attitude which makes teachers feel more like a mere factor of production and less like an individual who is needed and appreciated.
best memory . No single memory stands, but graduation is always a neat feeling. I've enjoyed the students. They've made Millard North a great place.

Walter Mertz
science

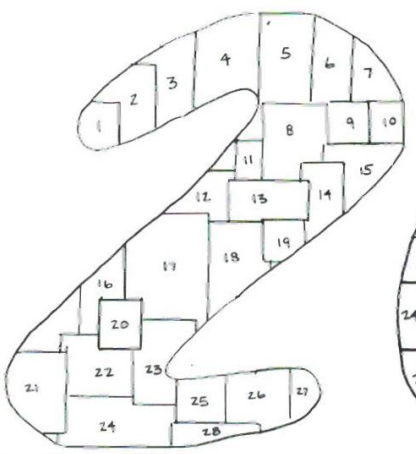
years in attendence at MN . 1980-1983 student
former teachers . Tom Rezac-Biology, Zoology, Tom Eicher-Social Studies, Denny Owens-Psychology, IBS
influences . Bill Schnase-retired Physics teacher
school activities as a student . football, track, class president, NHS Vice President, Eleventh Grade Spirit Scholar, Most Representative Junior, Senior Homecoming Royalty, School Board Representative, handicap swim program

best memory . "Beating Millard South at just about everything!"
transition from student to teacher . "In many ways I still consider myself a student here."

Lance Ott
social studies

years in attendence at MN . 1985-1989 student
former teachers . "Jeff Ritz, Mike Quint, Denny Owens, Terry Eicher, AndyFidler, Maureen Konwinski, Jeff Salberg, Mark Pilkington, Dave Bacon. Other teachers that I had were George Franke, Doug Thomas, Mike Neemann, Sandra Bagley, Dave Fitzenkam."
influences . "Eicher and Salberg mostly. I like the good rapport that the social studies department has with eachother."

school activites as a student . football, wrestling
best memory . "I used to be the 'king of the mullets.' I was pretty doggone proud of that long hair back then. I remember when we didnt get in trouble for getting called out of school by our parents on Senior Skip Day."
transition from student to teacher . "Not too bad. The first year, I kept looking over my shoulder for my dad when I would hear 'Hi, Mr. Ott' in the hallway. I eventually got used to it, however."



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2. Derek Caldwell 1997
3. Sam Selzle 1999
4. Doug Deines 1986
5. Matt Salberg 1992
6. Unknown
7. Brian Kurbis 2000
8. Unknown 1989
9. Jeff Koerten 1981
10. Jean Koerten 1981
11. Unknown 1989
12. Kim Vawter 1988
13. Unknown 1990's
14. Niki Kabat 1992
15. Unknown
16. Jean Koerten 1987
17. Ike Pane 1980's
18. Walter Mertz 1982
19. Unknown
20. Sheila Pedersen 1982
21. Robyn Wiar 1985
22. Ron Johnette 1980's
23. Patty Henrichs 198??
24. Julie Overmeyer, Mr. Brown, Rudy Paperfuhs 1981
25. Janie Gist 1997
26. Tracy O'Neil, Mary Guffy 1983
27. Sue Reagan 1988
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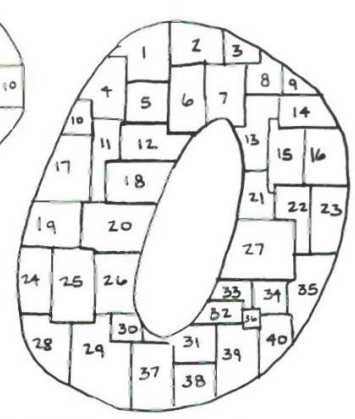

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2. Chris Chious 2000
3. Jen Parkyns 1997
4. Margaret Wolf 1984
5. Linda Wyatt 2001
6. Katie Johannes 1995
7. John Sprague 1993
8. Dave Noodel ??
9. Jenny Kronberg 1998
10. Dave Fitzencam 1994
11. Socca Playa ??
12. Jenny Ploughman, Kelly Martin 2000
13. Tim Zagurski 1999
14. Lee Galloway, Sandra Bagley 1982
15. Jason Appuhn
16. Mike Neeman 1984
17. Tom Fricke 1984
18. Jean Koerten, Maureen Konwinski 1981
19. Jay Ophoff 1995
20. Laura Lesley, Trina Gibson 1995
21. Mategrano
22. Andrew Thomsen 1999
23. Laura Drebot 1984
24. Mike Metzgar 2000
25. Dave Buckley
26. Eicher 1984
27. Unknown, Barb Wagner
28. Unknown
29. Sheldon Kutte 1982
30. Salberg 82
31. Gina Caniglia 1982
32. Jill Irwin, Katie Putnam 1998
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36. Jeff Cohn 2000
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38. Play "Camelot" 1999
39. Eric Crouch 1997
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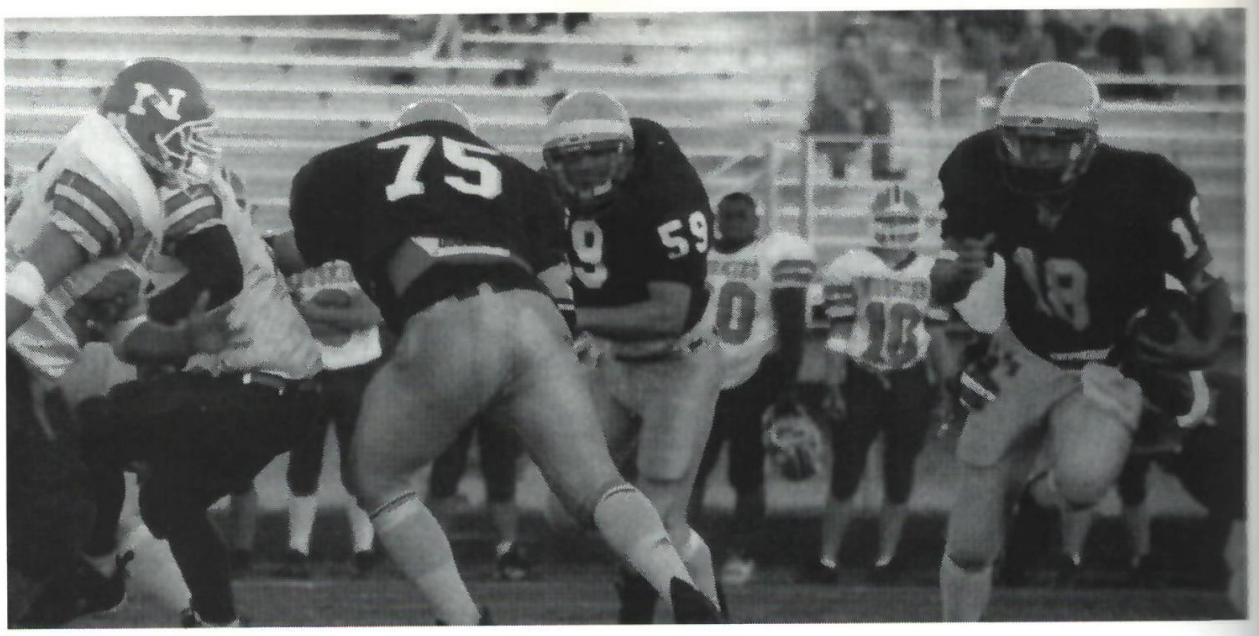

Senior

Dan Lee and junior Brandon Mimick block for senior quarterback Mike McLaughlin. The Mustangs won the Homecoming game against Omaha Northwest.

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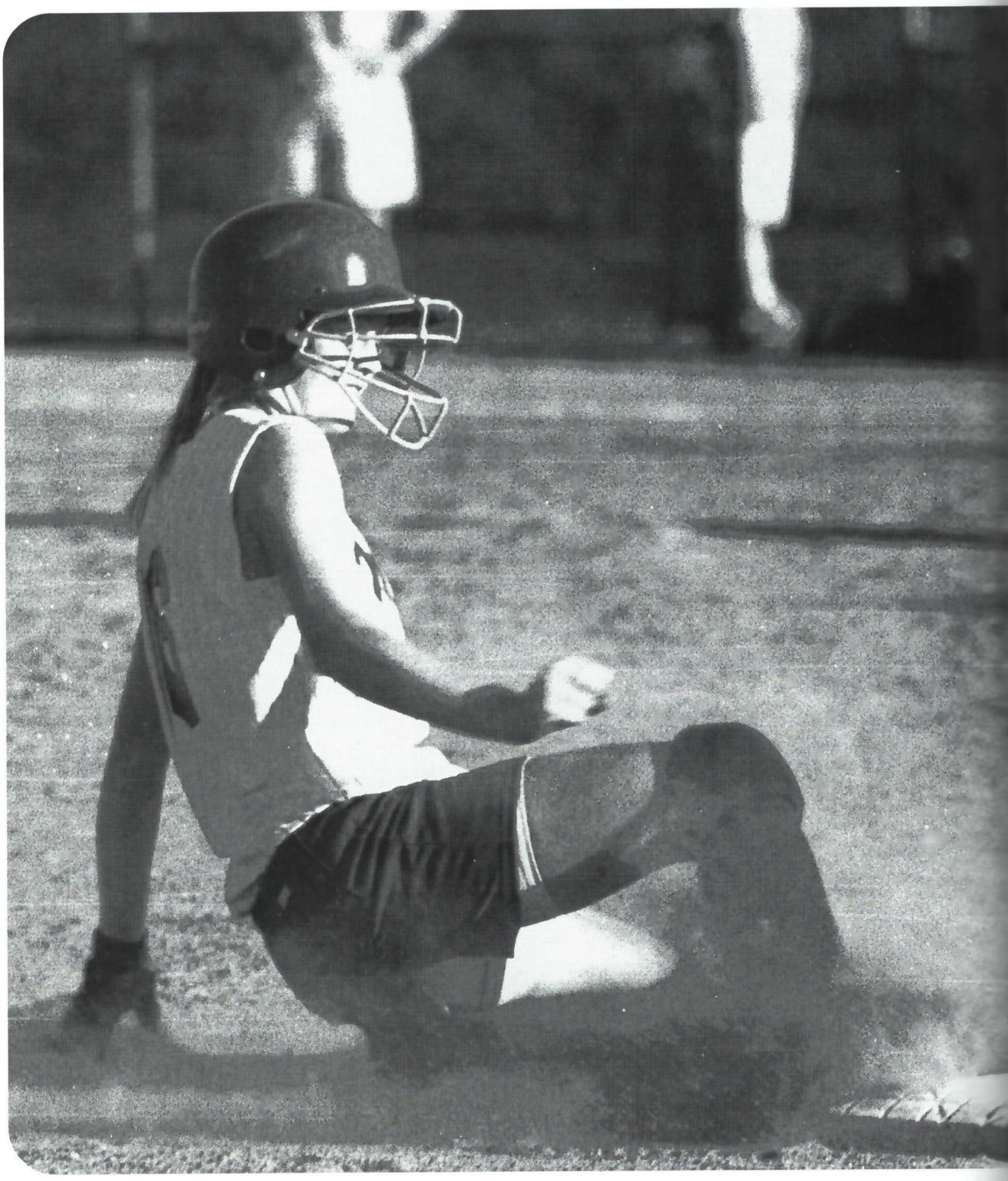

Junior

Maura Trauernicht slides into third base. Prior to this she was on the varsity volleyball team during her freshman and sophomore years, but this was Trauernicht's first year on varsity softball. She also made first team All-State.

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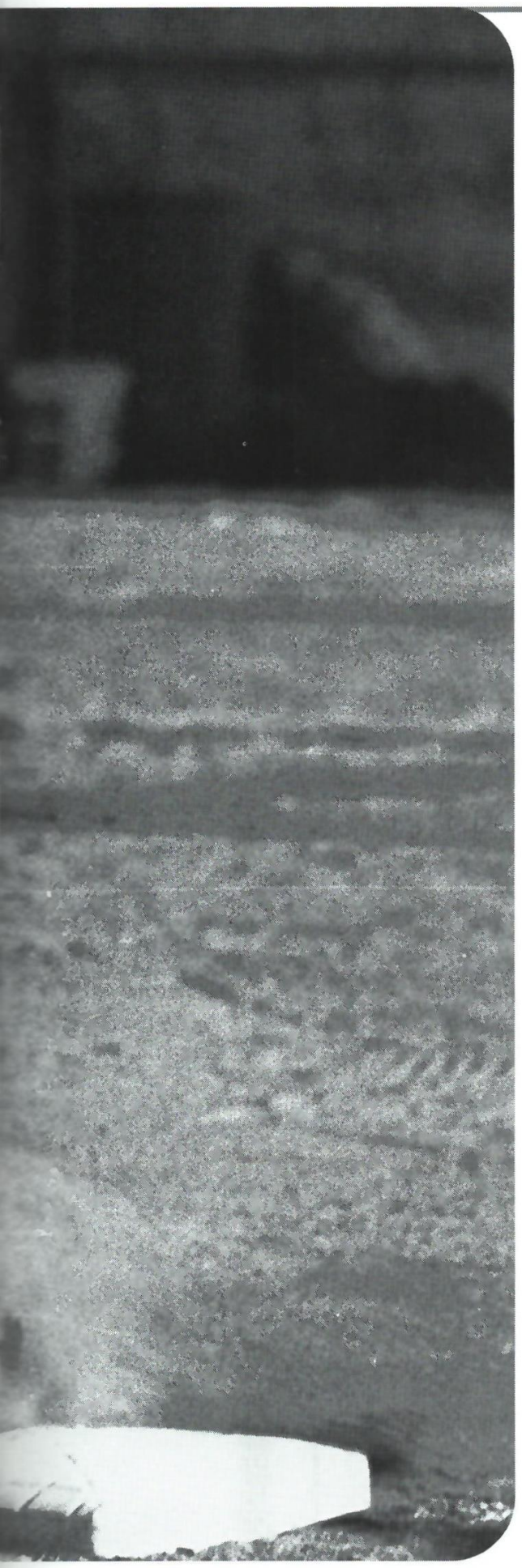
Sports

LOUD Power

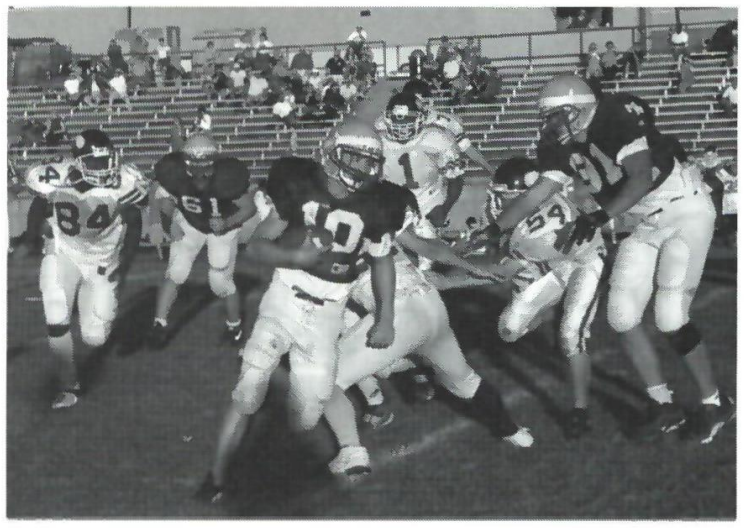
by Megan Claus



If there were one word that accurately described MN's athletic program, it would have been power. A majority of sports began their seasons with loud entrances, setting an example to other schools as a strong team.

Key players and great coaching packaged powerful teams. As in the past, these exemplary teams produced some of Nebraska's finest athletes. These athletes had their fame, but still did their part as team players.

Senior Jessie Runty practices her free-throw. This was Runty's first year on the varsity basketball team since she transferred from Elkhorn. PHOTO BY JOSH CHEEK



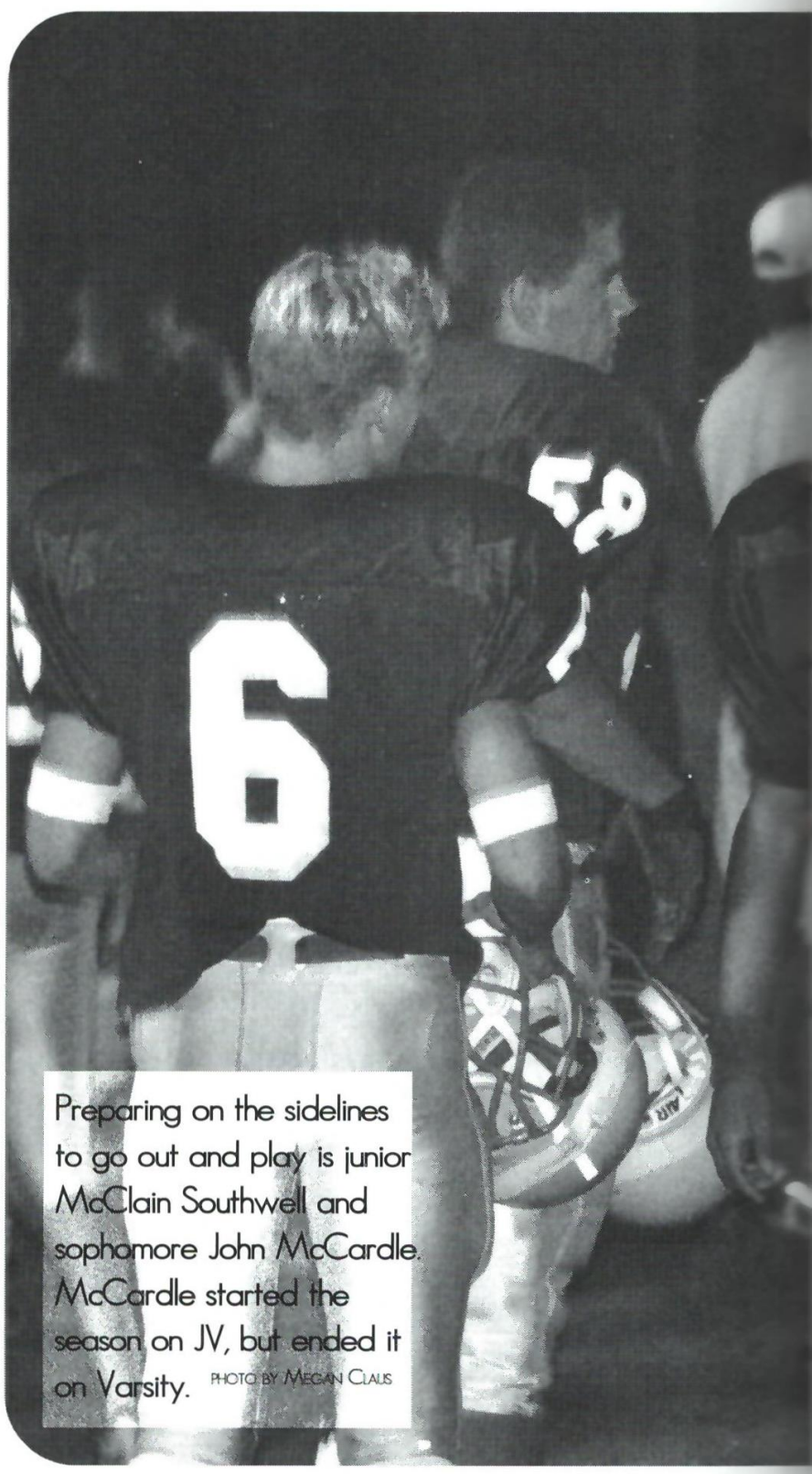
Running the ball to the outside is sophomore Aaron Flynn. Flynn raced 60 yards with an interception to start the scoring at the Lincoln High game.
PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

"The JV team played with heart but started to mesh as a team a little too late."

-JV coach Mark Chavez

Opponent Powerful or Opponent Powerless?

Varsity		JV	
Bellevue West	42-6	Lincoln High	14-7
Papillion La-Vista	28-38	Benson	55-6
Omaha Northwest	29-7	Papillion La-Vista	14-7
Creighton Prep	7-31	Omaha Central	16-28
Omaha North	41-7	Omaha Northwest	8-0
Omaha Bryan	21-27	Millard South	24-26
Millard West	14-28	Millard West	20-27
Millard South	21-6	Omaha North	28-35
Omaha Burke	17-21	**Record: 4-4**	
Grand Island	9-7		
Millard West	0-31		
Record: 5-6			



Preparing on the sidelines to go out and play is junior McClain Southwell and sophomore John McCardle. McCardle started the season on JV, but ended it on Varsity. PHOTO BY MEGAN CLAUS

Lining up for the play against Creighton Prep is the offense. John McCardle playing wingback scored a late touchdown. PHOTO BY JOSH CHEEK

In Depth

Senior Mike McLaughlin, the starting varsity quarterback, was left on the sidelines after his ankle injury.

"It was really depressing for me. The offense revolves around the quarterback, but McCardle stepped up well," McLaughlin said.

Sitting on the bench, McLaughlin was still a huge supporter of the team.

"The highlight was the Grand Island game, sitting on the sideline, watching McCardle and our team pull off the victory. We had to come out and win and we did," McLaughlin said.

Senior Mike McLaughlin runs for a touchdown against Omaha Northwest. McLaughlin had 21 carries for 179 yards and 3 TDs. PHOTO BY JOSH CHEEK

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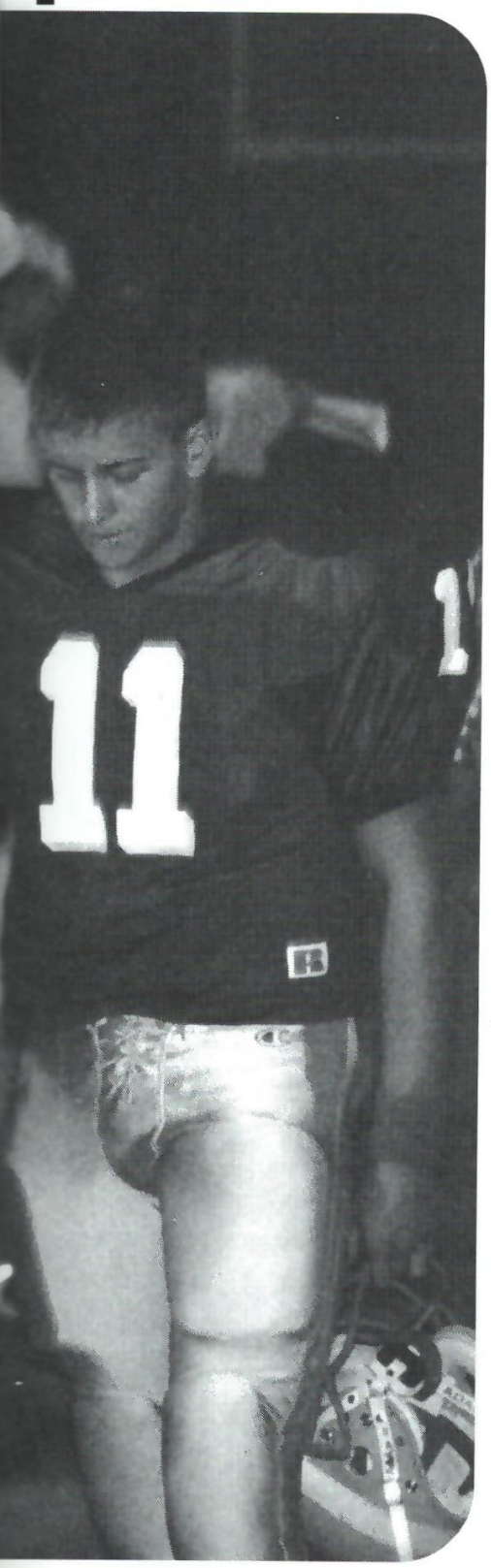

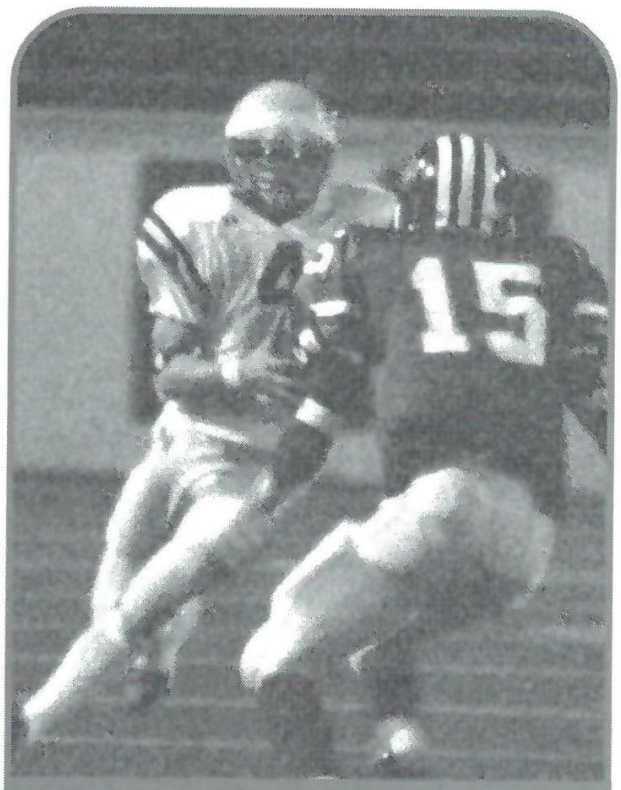

Senior Milan Gross-Rhode tries to put the moves on a Creighton Prep defender during the Prep game. Gross-Rhode started both sides of the ball at the beginning of the season, and later on in the season started defense only as defensive back. PHOTO BY JOSH CHEEK

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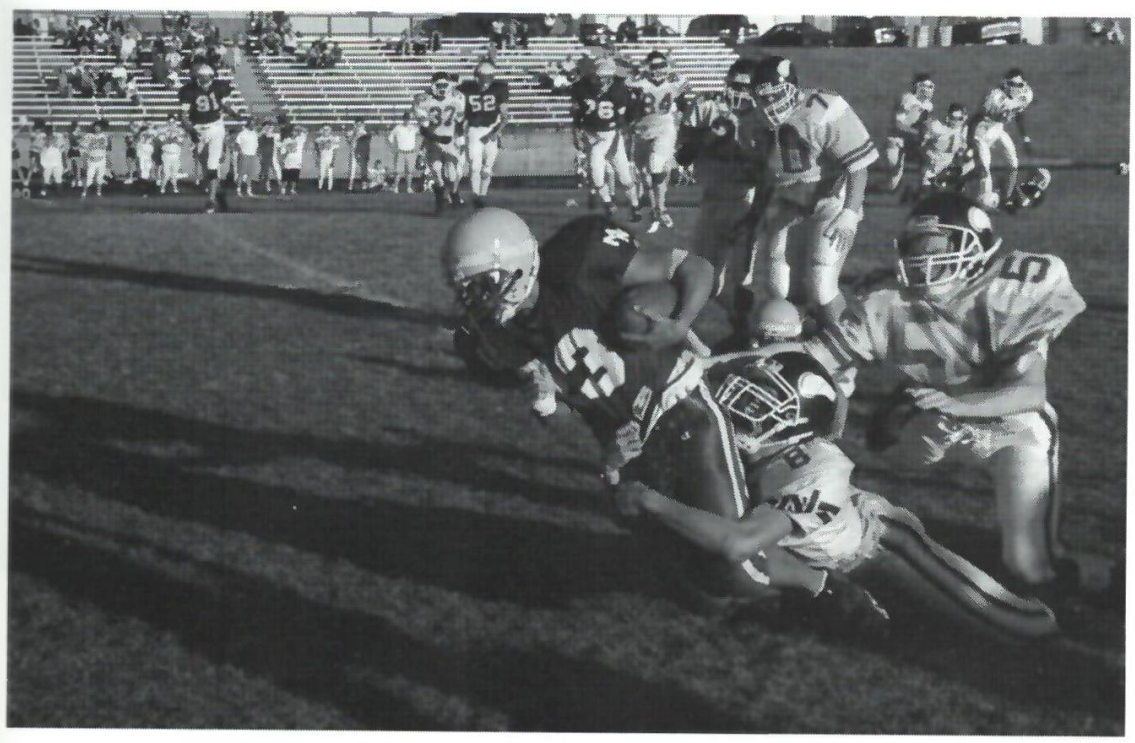
varsity football

Dealing with change was a big part of the JV and varsity football season. Starting QB, Mike Mclaughlin, was replaced by JV QB sophomore John McCardle.

"I was worried that the team would blame me if a loss occurred in the playoffs. There is no comparison to my freshman season. The game is a lot faster and I wasn't the dominate player. It was not just physical ability anymore, it was more skill. I couldn't run to the outside on every play. You have to look for holes," McCardle said.

No matter what obstacles the teams faced, they both kept on and never gave up. They learned to keep practicing continuously and improve on the field.

Varsity/JV Football: front- Chad Larson, Eric Johnson, TJ McAndrew, Milan Gross-Rhode, Joe Irwin, McClain Southwell, Brian Foral, Jerod Santo, Luke Shada, Ryan Knight, John McCardle; ***second row***-Tai McNulty, Tony Daniel, Mike McLaughlin, Dennis Pappas, Erik Pulverenti, Aaron Flynn, Chris Sakaris, Adam Mohr, John Synowicki, James Johnson; ***third row***-Kennith Bounds, Eric Broz, Colt Palmer, Greg Kisor, Grant Dune, Shaun O'Connell, Jon Meyer, Brandon Mimick, Adam Hardy, Casey Freyer, Matt Kinsella; ***fourth row***- Charlie Peacock, Tyler Barna, Mike Giovanni, Dan Lee, Scott Townsend, Mark Nelson, Jon Neumann, Brian Kaiser, Dan Lassek, Pat Mack; ***back***-coach Marcus Twyman, coach Tyler Cotten, coach Nick Flynn, coach Dale Zabrocki, Tim Evans, Cody Bandars, Kent Lane, coach Fred Petito, coach Mark Chavez, coach Bruce Reed, coach Tim Barner PHOTO BY MARTIN PHOTOGRAPHY



Trying to escape the tackle by the JV Omaha North Vikings is junior Tai McNulty. MN defeated North in overtime 28-35

PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

Recovering a ball is sophomore Chad Irish. "He had speed and endurance which helped move the ball," sophomore Andy Liu said. PHOTO BY ASHLEY ROSENBOOM

"We were strong and confident. We worked as a team and that gave us a good season."

- freshman Keith Lloyd

Opponent Powerful or Opponent Powerless?

sophomores	
Omaha Burke	22-0
Omaha South	13-6
Crieghton Prep	14-3
Westside	20-0
Omaha North	20-12
Bellevue East	10-7
Millard South	20-10
Lincoln Northeast	47-6

Record: 8-0

freshmen	A	B
Lincoln NE	56-8	-
Millard South	46-13	13-6
Millard West	21-26	0-7
Creighton Prep	14-7	0-6
Westside	-	33-26
Burke	21-7	-
Lincoln High	35-6	-
Central	35-0	-
Bryan	27-8	-
Lincoln SE	-	12-9
Omaha South	-	20-0

Record: 7-1 Record: 4-2

MN vs

Freshman Paul Mason makes a tackle to stop Burke. "Our defense was dominant and the offense moved the ball well," Mason said.
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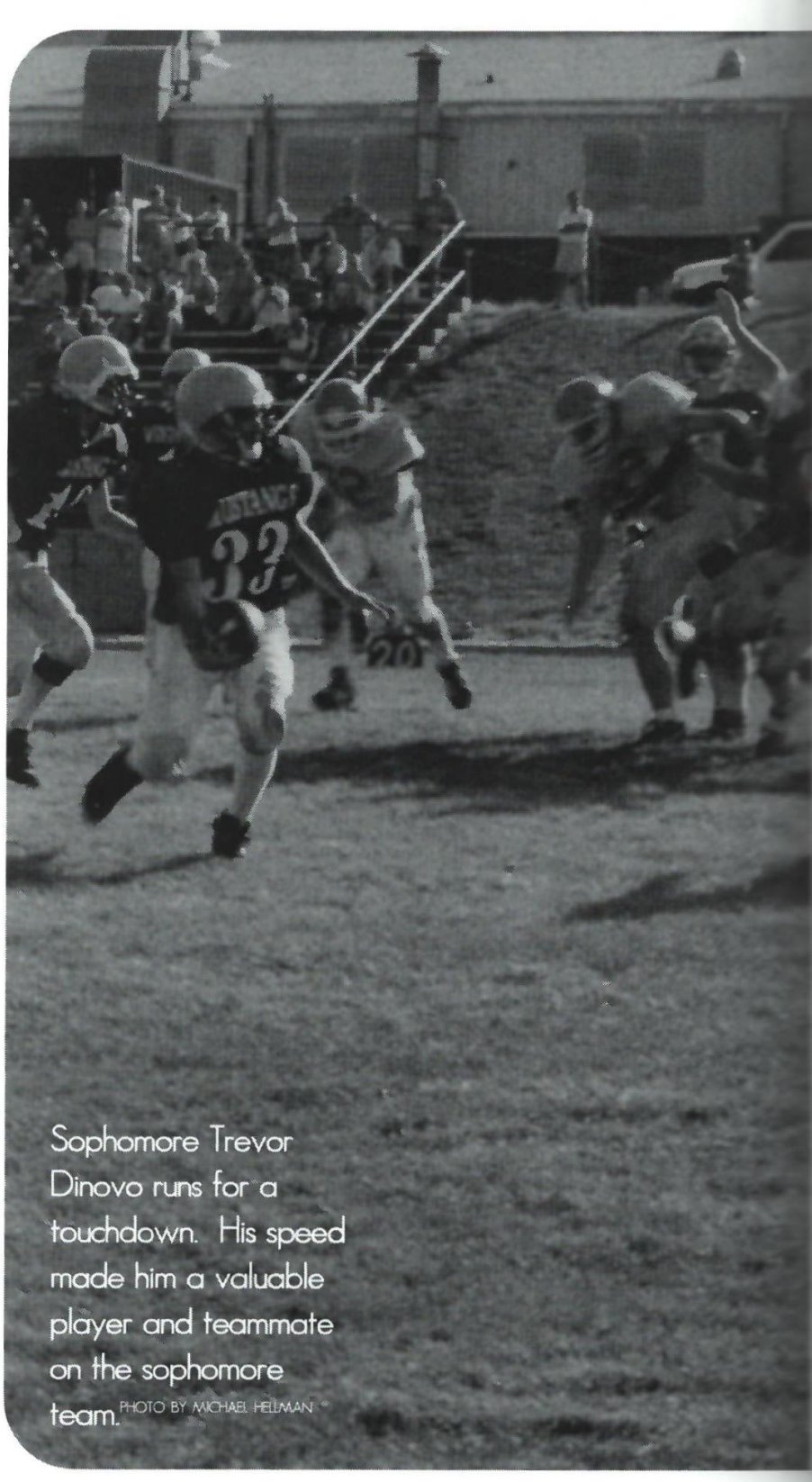


Sophomore Trevor Dinovo runs for a touchdown. His speed made him a valuable player and teammate on the sophomore team. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

In Depth

Freshman Luke Christiansen led the team through a winning season.

"We were a team on a mission. We knew if we all worked together, then we could get the job done. Our mission was to be undefeated, and we had a 7-1 record," Christiansen said.

Coaches depended on him to lead the team. They knew he would do his job and help others do their best.

"I am not the least bit discouraged by our record. We played the best we could and worked as a team., Christiansen said."

Freshman Luke Christiansen runs the ball down the field on a punt return. He was the running back for the freshman boys. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

winning with

determination

Running the ball is freshman Jared Houfek. This was Houfek's first year playng on a football team. He said he learned many things but that his real talent was being a running back that would contribute to his team. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

focus on

pages by Megan Bolmeier

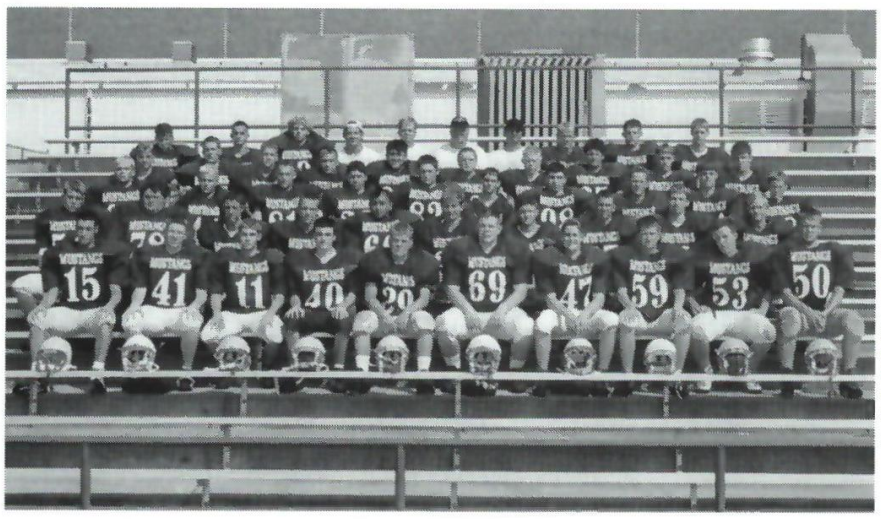
The sophomore and freshman football teams all had a successful season. They both had goals to win and grow by showing strength to do their best. Both teams grew individually and together.

" The best part of freshmen football was meeting new people and learning new plays and strategies," freshman **Jeff Gates** said.

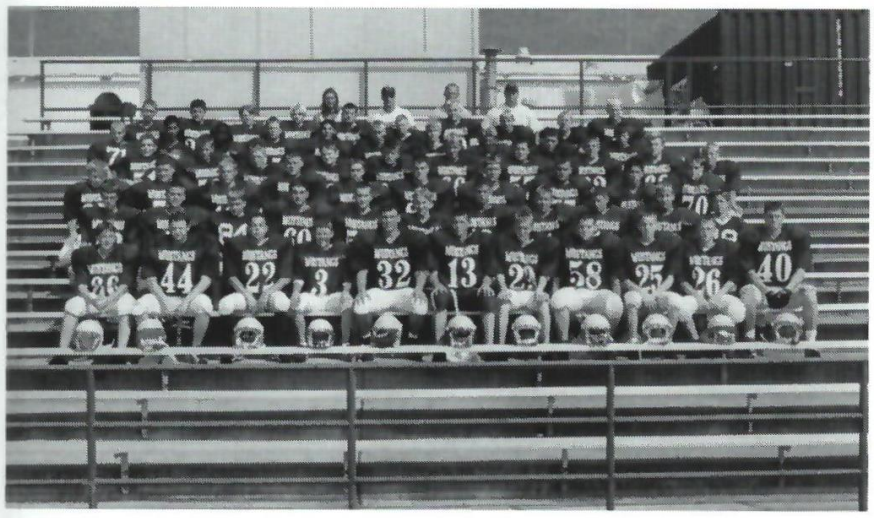
Sophomore **Cameron Tajvar** said, "The best feeling is looking back at your season and seeing the results of your hard work. By working together we were undefeated."

Both teams showed determination and dedication . The most important skill was self-focus and concentration.

" I learned a lot about myself and the game. It was a great experience," freshman **Luke Christiansen** said.



Reserve Boys Football: front -J.T Field, Rob Fehr, Dustin Miller, Dan Sobczyk, Tim Coudon, Michael Eakens, Dan Dalton, Brent Griffin, Wyndham Jones, Brad Underwood;. ***second row*** - Bryan Ingram, Zachary Meyer, Chase Luther, Ben Williams, Jadyn Medrano, Jason Brasch, Scott Anderson, Riley Hoeting, Brian Case, Tom Eulberg; ***third row*** - Kris Schneckenberger, Mike Royce, Mitch Birt, Cam Tajvar, Phil Belk, Joe Furey, Nick Milan, Ryan Coppi, Erik Panowicz, Ryan Johnson; ***fourth row*** -James Moran Ross Haley, Nick Bouckhuyt, Nick Edmonds, Andy Liu, Chris Jones, Jeff Ensor, Ben Strain, Chris Reinke, Matt Kyler; ***back***-- Balin Bergman, Matt Davies, Chad Dingle, Trevor Dinovo, Matt VanHoose PHOTO BY MARTIN PHOTOGRAPHY



Freshman Boys Football: front- Danny Collins, Ryan Zimmerman, Derek Burnett, Jay Roberts, Dirk Verplank, Scott Sandstorm, Trevor Lieberth, Lee Mohon, Keith Lloyd, John McDonald, Ryan Major; ***second row***- Tony Cimino, Kyle Galloway, Corey Stone, Brad Abramson, David Donovan, Jared Houfek, Brandon Claxton, Josh Rueth, Matt Lindell, Nick Alexander, Chance Kellogg; ***third row***- Terry Brooner, Dustin Keefe, Tony Luneke, Brad Rooker, Clint Shelton, Cody Mahrt, Jack Riley, Andrew Kanngieser, Adam Shada, Dan Wooten; ***fourth row***- Pat Belcastro, Matt Severa, Ian Musgrave, Paul Mason, David Heinemeyer, Seth Olsen, Mark Hampton, Kevin Nicken, Mike Bass, Colin McDermot;. ***fifth row***- Mecca Solamon, Brandon Perez, Cliff Tullis, Jeff Gates, Ryan Doke, Peyton Watzke, Barry Kienow, Jordan Sedlacek, Jesse Trombla, Justis Eipperle; ***back***- Richy Biga, Matthey Wiedenman, Matt Norris, Ryan Parker, Bret Siepker, Matt Kelberg, T.J. O' Leary, Jake Galusha, Luke Christiansen, Jarred Halpenny PHOTO BY MARTIN PHOTOGRAPHY

Leading the pack is junior Jeff Allen. Allen's best score was 18:36 at the Millard West invite.
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"I got my strength from the team and coaches. Knowing all those people are pulling for you to do your best, gives you strength."

-junior Colleen Brown

Opponent Powerful or Opponent Powerless?

Boys		Girls	
Burke Invite	2nd	Burke Invite	5th
Millard South Invite Lincoln	6th	Millard South Invite	6th
High Invite	5th	Lincoln High Invite	5th
Class of Metro	4th	Class of Metro	7th
Grand Island Invite	2nd	Grand Island Invite	3rd
Millard West Invite	3rd	Millard West Invite	2nd
Metro Conference	6th	Metro Conference	4th
Districts	1st	Districts	3rd
State	8th	State	6th

Running in a close race is junior Angie Keegan. This was Keegan's third year on the cross country team.
PHOTO BY ASHLEY ROSENBOOM

Running at districts is junior Ben Hohnstein and senior Erik Neemann. The boys cross country team placed first at districts.
PHOTO BY ASHLEY ROSENBOOM

In Depth

Junior **Megan Poppens** was hurt and made a comeback even after she tore her ACL (anterior cruciate ligament at district soccer.

"Cross country was hard at first because I felt really out of shape, but I knew I had to give it all I had to make cross country a great year for me," Poppens said.

Being her third year on the team, Poppens said that she could see a big difference in the team from the previous year.

"This year was great because we had a lot of bonding, you could say we were very closely knit," she said.

Sophomore Kim Turner and junior Ashley Amick run at districts. The girls team finished third out of fifth teams at districts. PHOTO BY ASHLEY ROSENBOOM

unleash the beast

Warming up at Districts is junior Colleen Brown. This was Brown's third year on varsity cross country. "Cross country was a big success this year because we all pushed ourselves really hard to run better," Brown said. PHOTO BY ASHLEY ROSENBOOM

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focus on

The boys and girls cross country team ran like the wind, had fun spending time together, and earned race results that were well deserved.

"My favorite meet was Class of the Metro because I got first. It is the only race I've ever won," sophomore **Allie Muench** said.

To prepare for meets, both teams had pasta dinners at one of the team members' houses.

The team had a lot of bonding this year because of senior leadership.

"This year was better than any other year because I had to take charge," senior **Tim Danaher** said. "There were no leaders of the older guys to help us come along from last year."

The team did what their slogan said: they "unleashed the beast".

cross country

Boys Cross Country: front- Jason Cave, Brandon Fischer, Cody Peratt, Ben Hohnstein, Tim Danaher, Jason Bensley, Erik Neemann, Travis Pillen, Andrew Bredensteiner, Josh Corrigan; ***second row***- Matt Poppens, Cameron Deremer, Allan Provorse, Alex Toews, Ross Brown, Kyle Meyer, Peter Gutschenritter, Jeff Paulison, Dan Dischler, Adam Schaal; ***third row***- Bill Wendl, John Sturgeon, Paka Hookano, Brad Corrigan, Ryan Vannier, Mark Kitchell, Curtis Ehler, Joey Pulverenti, Jeff Allen, Scott Lewis; ***back***- coach Mike Neemann, coach Terry Thielen PHOTO BY MARTIN PHOTOGRAPHY

Girls Cross Country: front- Jessica Ladwig, Angie Keegan, Audra Wessel, Ashley Amick, Colleen Brown, Megan Poppens; ***second row***- Laura Groggel, Justine Caniglia, Heidi Checketts, Emily Lui; ***third row***- Jessie Tillinghast, Kim Turner, Allie Muench, Anne Mitchell; ***back***- coach Mike Neemann, coach Katie O'Doherty, coach Terry Thielen

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putting with pride

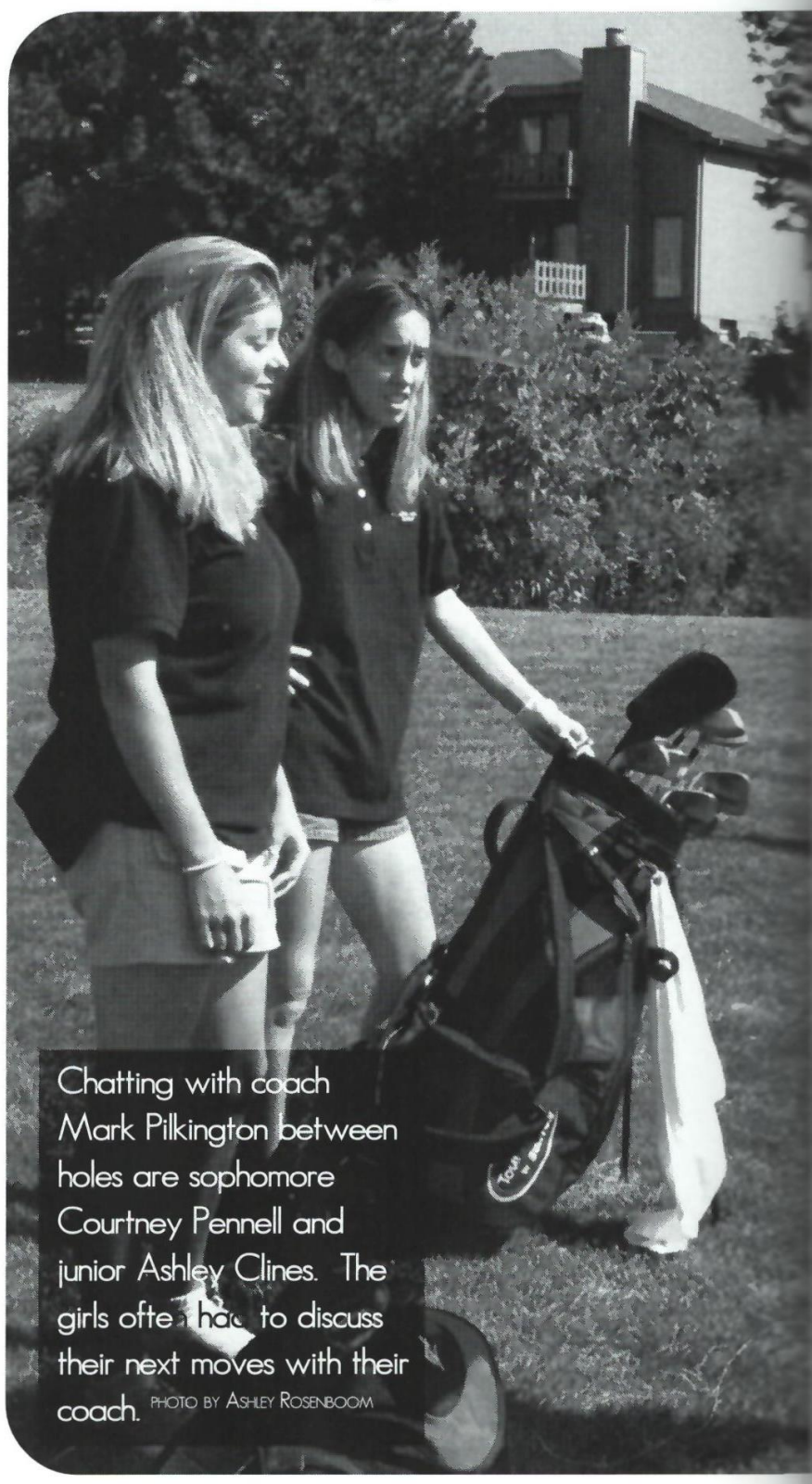
Junior Katie Schmidt attempts to calculate the distance of her next stroke. Schmidt was one of the underclassmen who stepped up her performances.
PHOTO BY ASHLEY ROSENBOOM

MN vs Opponent

Powerful or Powerless?

Kearney Invite	7th
Millard South	156-160
Marian	178-219
Omaha Northwest	171-177
Lincoln Southeast Invite	14th
Omaha Central	206-201
Norfolk Invite	8th
Duschene Invite (JV)	10th
Papillion Invite (JV)	5th
Millard West	205-220
Lincoln East Invite	10th
Westside	201-199
Papillion	204-211
Metro Invite	3rd
Districts	5th
State- Lindsey Herrera	23rd

Dual Record 2-5



Chatting with coach Mark Pilkington between holes are sophomore Courtney Pennell and junior Ashley Clines. The girls often had to discuss their next moves with their coach. PHOTO BY ASHLEY ROSENBOOM

Getting great leverage is sophomore Alyson Carstens. The girls practiced every day and shot nine holes a day. PHOTO BY ASHLEY ROSENBOOM

In depth

Sophomore Courtney Pennell has been playing golf for three years. Her interest in the sport started when she was exposed to her parents and her older sister's playing.

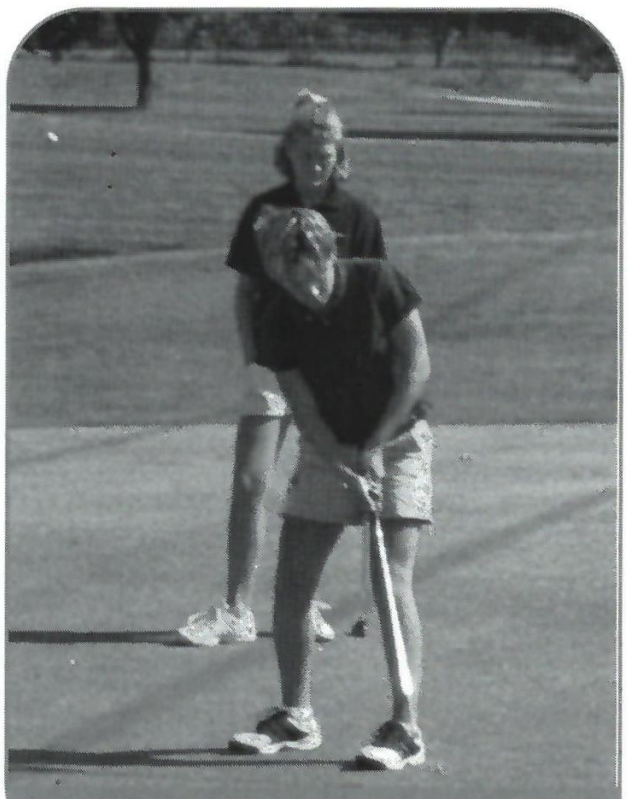
Along with going to tournaments, there was an extra element of fun added to the game for Pennell.

"The best part of the season was meeting the new freshmen and going to tournaments. I liked seeing how others played and watching how well my other teammates performed," Pennell said.

Sophomore Courtney Pennell lines up her next stroke. Having three years of experience proved to be helpful during the season. PHOTO BY ASHLEY ROSENBOOM

"The team did really well this year. I'm very proud of everyone's performances at all tournaments."

-senior Lindsey Herrera



Putting the ball into the hole is senior Lindsey Herrera. She finished 23rd at state and did well individually at districts. Herrera said she was proud of the team and its third place finish at Metros. PHOTO BY ASHLEY ROSENBOOM

focus on girls golf

pages by Lindsey Dame

Determined to do well once again, the girls golf team did its best to achieve its goals. With two seniors on the team, the underclassmen really had to help out.

"The underclassmen stood out and helped with the team this year. They worked extremely hard and by doing that, they improved from last year," senior **Lindsey Herrera** said.

While practices were always memorable for the girls, the time when the team really stood out and shined was at Metros.

"Metro's stood out because everyone shot below 105 or 100, and we got third. Lindsey's (Herrera) performance really stepped up to help the team. She was awesome because she was always consistent," sophomore **Alyson Carstens** said.

With impressive performances, the team met all their challenges.

Girls Golf: front-Lindsay Chalupa, Danielle Truckenbrod, Andrea Beller, Katie Schmidt, Lindsey Herrera, Amber Truckenbrod, Erin Pirruccello; ***back***- Julie Gunderson, Alyson Carstons, Candace Westman, Courtney Pennell, Ashley Clines, Christy Renfrow, coach Mark Pilkington

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Swinging with all her might is senior Julie Gunderson. Her career high was at the Lincoln East Invite where she shot a 107 on an 18 hole course. PHOTO BY ASHLEY ROSENBOOM

Coach John Carroll, seniors Andy Shannon, Matt Breunsbach, junior Alex Chacon, and freshmen Sheeva Parbhu and Ryan Strasil take a break from practice. Carroll felt that a laid back approach to learning was best. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

"Our team unity was high. We all supported each other and pushed one another to the limit!"

-senior Andy Shannon

Opponent Powerful or Opponent Powerless?

MN vs

Varsity

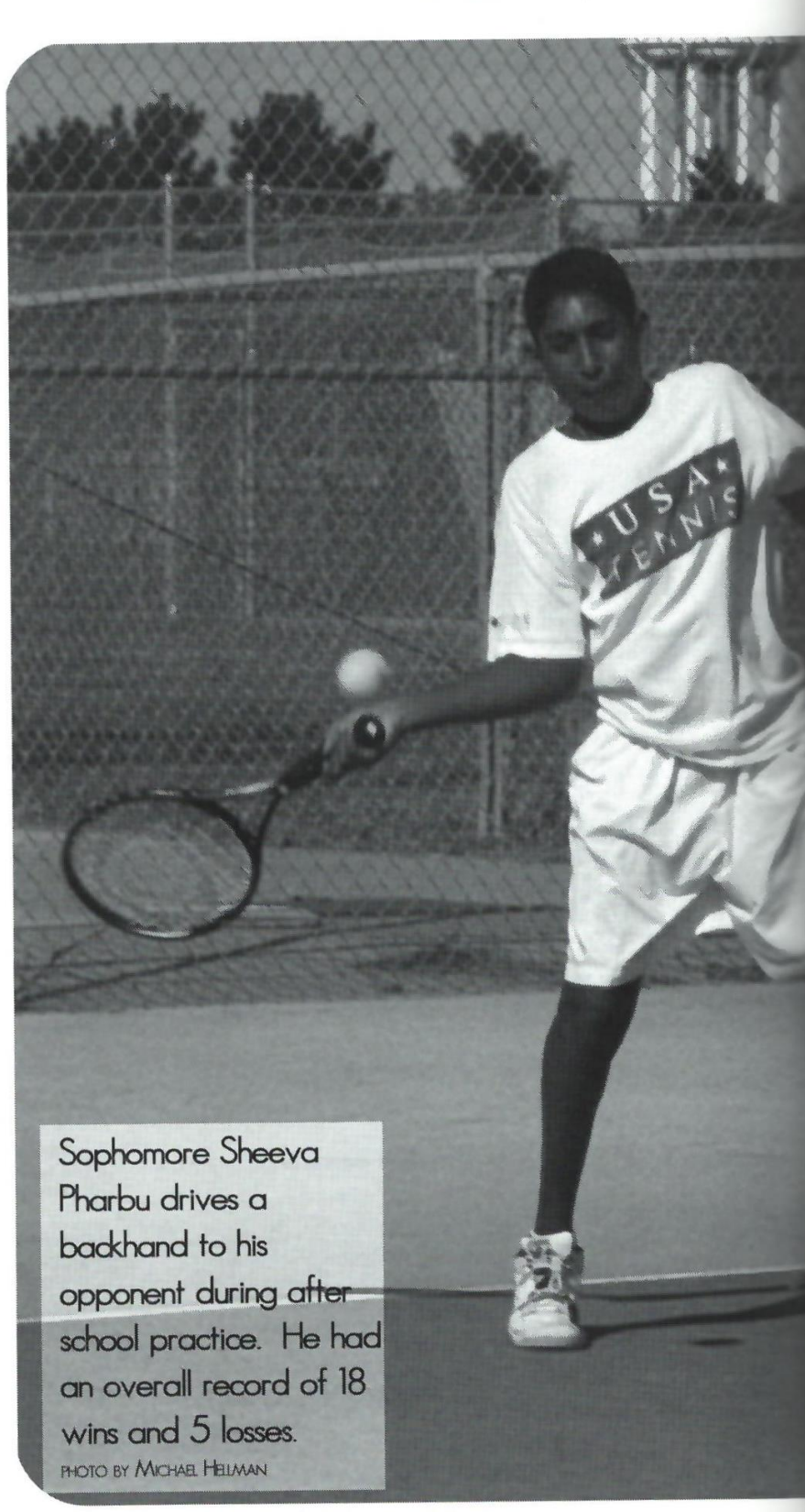
Lincoln East	4-5
Millard South	7-2
Creighton Prep	1-8
Northwest	8-1
Lincoln Southeast	2-7
Central	8-1
Millard West	7-2
Westside	3-6
Papio	6-3
MN Invite	1st
Papio Invite	6th
Metro	2nd
State	5th

Dual Record: 5-4

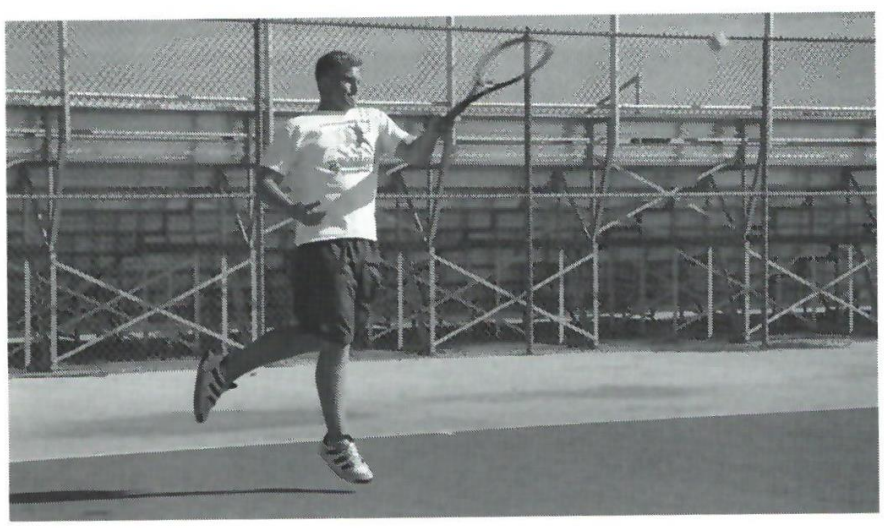
JV

Lincoln East	2-7
Millard South	4-5
Creighton Prep	3-6
Central	8-1
MN Invite	4th
Lincoln Southeast	4-9
Burke	7-2
Millard West	4-5
Westside	2-7
Papio/LaVista	4-5

Dual Record: 2-7



Sophomore Sheeva Pharbu drives a backhand to his opponent during after school practice. He had an overall record of 18 wins and 5 losses. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN



Volleying the ball back and forth is senior Matt Breunsbach. Volleying was a skill that required hitting the ball before it bounced. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

In Depth

Sophomore Chris Miller ended his second season with a dual record of 28 wins and 11 losses.

In order to become an assest to the team, Miller prepared for the season by playing at least four times a week during the summer, and he also took private lessons.

Miller's favorite part of the season was the state tournament.

"State was awesome because Chacon (Miller's doubles partner) and I placed fourth," Miller said.

Next year, Miller plans on taking control of the net to score more points for the team.

Sophomore Chris Miller returns the ball using his backhand stroke. Miller was ranked number two on the tennis team. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

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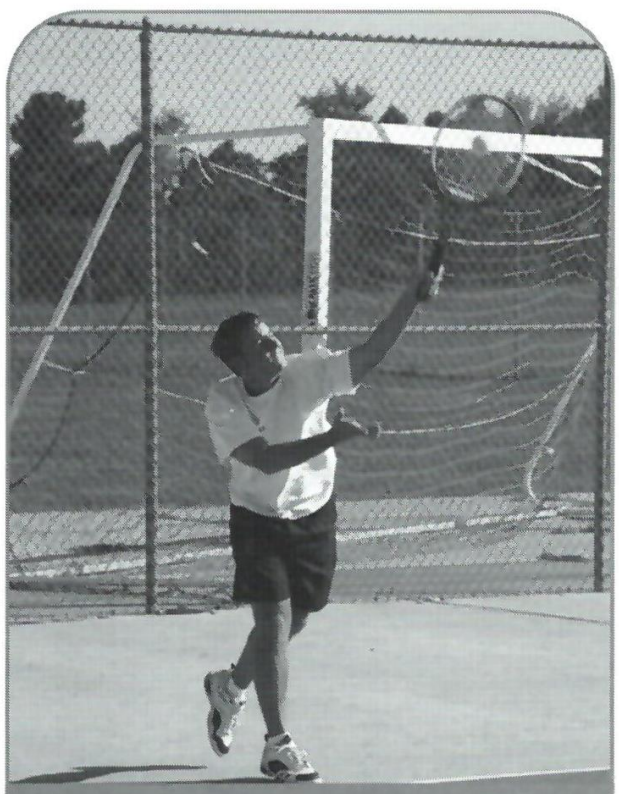

Senior Eric Peters annihilates the ball, hoping to score a point against his opponent. Peters assisted the team in placing second at metros and helped beat school rivals MW and MS.
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focus on tennis

Coach **John Carroll** felt that the tennis season was a successful one, even though the team underwent many changes.

"We experienced a new trend this season and have labeled it a rebuilding year," Carroll said.

Freshman **John Paskach** said that in order to become stronger at tennis, they practiced every day after school for two hours. The Varsity players also agreed to play in the winter and committed themselves to practice in the summer.

Carroll was surprised that the rebuilding team, led by two seniors **Matt Breunsbach** and Andy Shannon, became a quick contender for the state title.

"I thought that it was cool that we placed fifth at state, although it was disappointing that we (Andy Shannon and Breunsbach) didn't get first in our last year at MN," Breunsbach said.

Varsity Boys Tennis: front- Chris Miller, Alex Chacon, Sheeva Parbhu, Ryan Strasil; ***back***- Andy Shannon, Jacob Biel, Eric Peters, Matt Breunsbach, coach John Carrol
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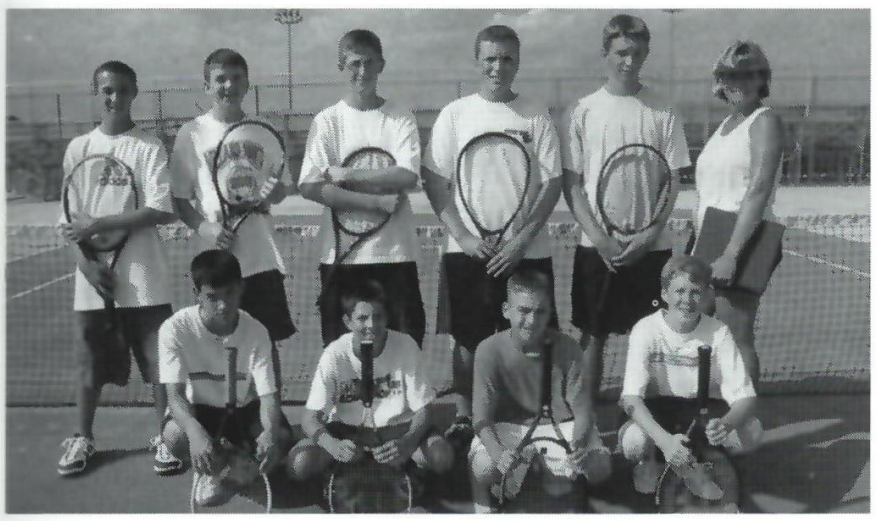

JV Boys Tennis: front- Alex Oshima, Jared Witthaus, Brett Weaver, Scott Irwin; **back**- Matt Jessick, John Paskach, Greg Hunter, Adam Felber, Ryan Albrecht, coach Anne Rodhe;
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Sophomore Terri Rhodes gets tagged during a game against Burke. MN went on to win the game 1-0
PHOTO BY AARON JARMAN

batting for home

MN vs Opponent

Powerful or Powerless?

Millard South	0-1
Papillion	0-6
Skutt	4-2
Marian	3-2
Millard South	2-0
Burke	1-3
Marian	1-0
North Platte	0-2
Burke	1-0
North Platte	4-0
Papillion	0-1
Northwest	10-0
Bellvue West	8-0
Millard South	1-0
Marian	0-3
Westside	1-0
Lincoln Southeast	2-1
Ralsten	0-1
Kearney	2-0
Burke	1-2
Papillion	0-2
Central	4-3
Lincoln Southeast	5-0
Grand Island	9-2
Omaha Gross	9-2
Omaha North	10-0
Bellvue West	11-1
Millard West	3-5
Benson	12-0
Lincoln Southeast	2-1
Lincoln Southeast	2-0
Westside	3-6
Grand Island	3-5

Record: 19-14

Pitching is senior Suzie Finger. She received All-Divison Honors and had a 16-11 record.. PHOTO BY AARON JARMAN

In depth

Senior Suzie Finger had a 16-11 pitching average and was one of the team's statistic leaders. She was an All-Division player this year as well.

Finger placed team unity and hard work as major factors in their success. "We worked really hard at practice together, and we were all good friends," she said.

State games against Westside and Papillion were disappointments to Finger. "We should have played a lot better in the state tourney."

Overall, her final season was a positive experience. "Our season was awesome, and we reached a lot of our goals." she said.

Talking to coach John Swoboda are senior Bobbee Walker and junior Alex Campbell. This was Swoboda's first year coaching. PHOTO BY NATE MARQUISS

"We had good team unity; we came together when we needed to."

-senior Maggie Sinclair

Catching for Varsity Softball is senior Kerry Farrell. A highlight of the season for Kerry was the tournement in Lincoln when the team prevailed in 30 degree weather. Next year she'll be playing for Colorado State, where she got a scholarship.. PHOTO BY NATE MARQUISS

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Varsity Softball

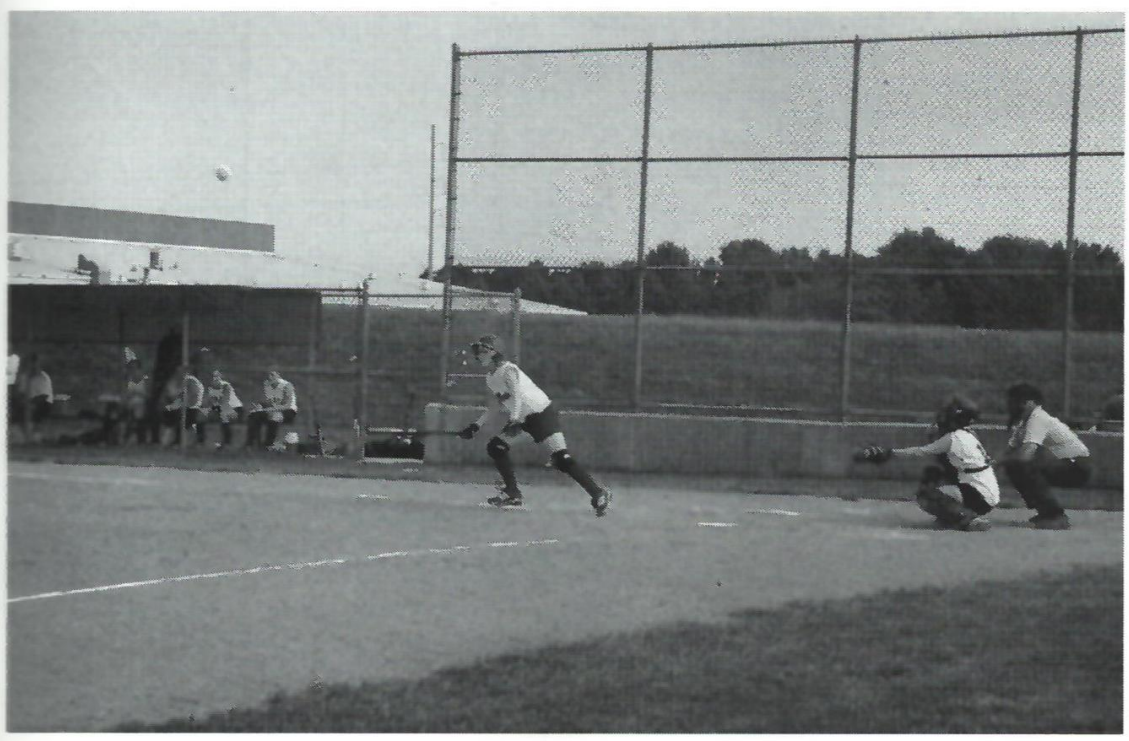
Hard work and team unity were two factors that helped the varsity softballl team achieve power.

While the season faced some hardships, including a loss to Grand Island and Westside at state, the team's spirit kept them going. "We worked really hard at practice together, and we were all really good friends," senior **Suzie Finger** said.

Some highlights of the season included a victory against Lincoln Southeast in districts. "Winning districts was awesome," Senior **Amanda Holland** said. "The MN tourney when we got second and districts were our best games of the season. We really came together," Finger said.

Overall, motivation and teamwork helped to end the season successfully. "It was a good way to end my career at MN," senior **Maggie Sinclair** said.

Varsity Softball: front-Kayla Edick, Amy Kopecky, Maura Trauernicht, Alex Campbell, Katie Berge, Michaela O'Donnell, Terri Rhodes, Jen Nobles; *back*-coach Kelly Duffeck, Coach Julia Kolander, Lisa Kuhn, Maggie Sinclair, Amanda Holland, Suzie Finger, Kerry Farrell, Bobbee Walker, coach John Swoboda PHOTO BY MARTIN PHOTTOGRAPHY



Senior Amanda Holland watches her ball before she makes a run for first base. This was Amanda's fourth year playing softball for MN.

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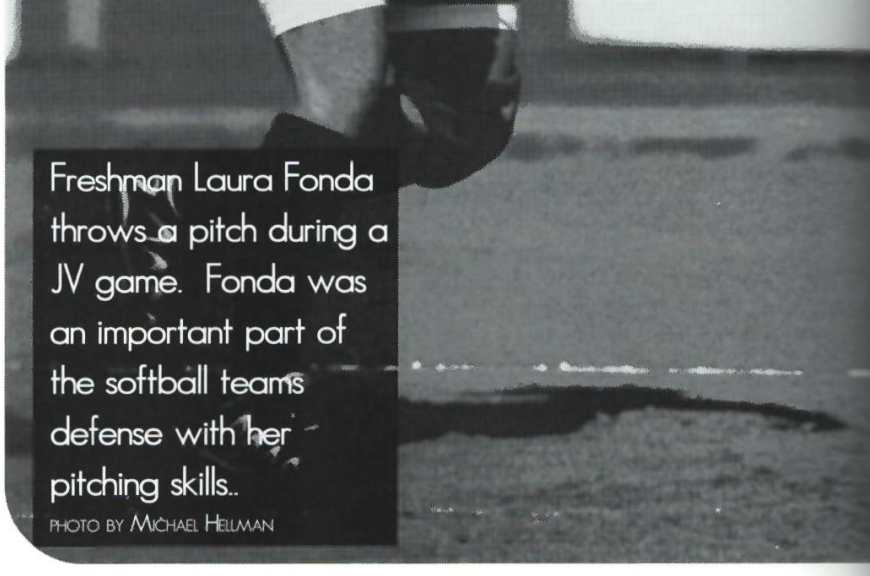
Freshman Lauren Volentine is up to bat during a game in Lincoln. Volentine was a valuable player with a .500 batting average.
PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

"We had a great season this year. We were a very close team, and it really paid off on and off the field"

-sophomore Val Slama

MN vs Opponent Powerful or Opponent Powerless?

JV		Reserve	
Millard South	0-3	Lincoln High	13-1
Burke	12-0	Lincoln High	0-5
Marian	6-0	Lincoln High	5-3
North Platte	12-0	Lincoln High	6-0
Fremont	13-1	Millard South	12-3
Gross	8-0	Millard South	2-4
Papio	2-0	Millard West	0-2
Northwest	10-0	Millard West	2-3
Westside	0-7	North West	4-3
Papio	4-0	Lincoln Southeast	3-1
Central	4-0	Lincoln Southeast	7-1
Omaha North	8-0	Fremont	6-7
Bellevue West	19-0	Ralston	10-2
Bellevue East	7-0	Marian	0-0
		Lincoln East	7-3
		Lincoln East	6-0
		Lincoln Northeast	8-3
		Lincoln Northeast	13-0
Record:	12-2	Record:	12-5-1



Freshman Laura Fonda throws a pitch during a JV game. Fonda was an important part of the softball teams defense with her pitching skills..
PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

Kristin Muehling runs to first base. Muehling helped the team with her great batting skills and thru her pitching.
PHOTO BY NATE MARQUSS

In Depth

Sophomore Missy Kelly played center field on the JV softball team.

"All three teams worked really hard this year, and I can see at least two state-championships in the future."

The most valuable aspects of Missy's game were her bunting and slapping, which is a form of hitting. Kelly also provided great running skills for her team by her high number of stolen bases..

"During the season I used our new coaching styles to help myself improve. I have put in a lot of extra work in my playing to better help the team."

Freshmen Laura Fonda, Kristin Meuhling, and Sophmore Val Slama celebrate after a great play. The girls went on to win the game against Omaha Burke. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

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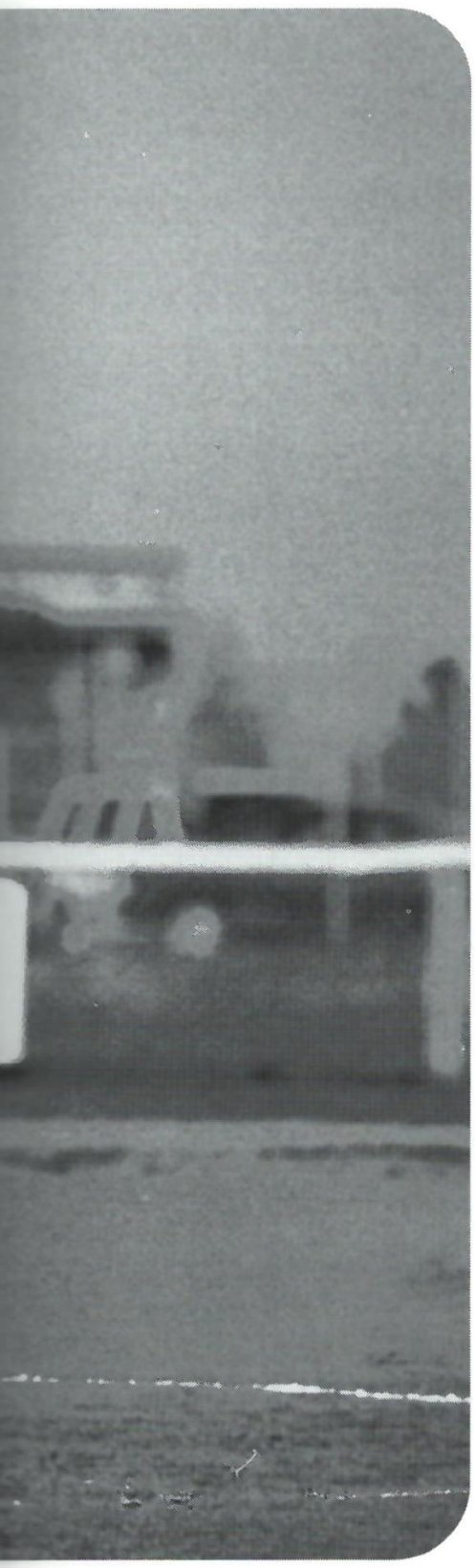
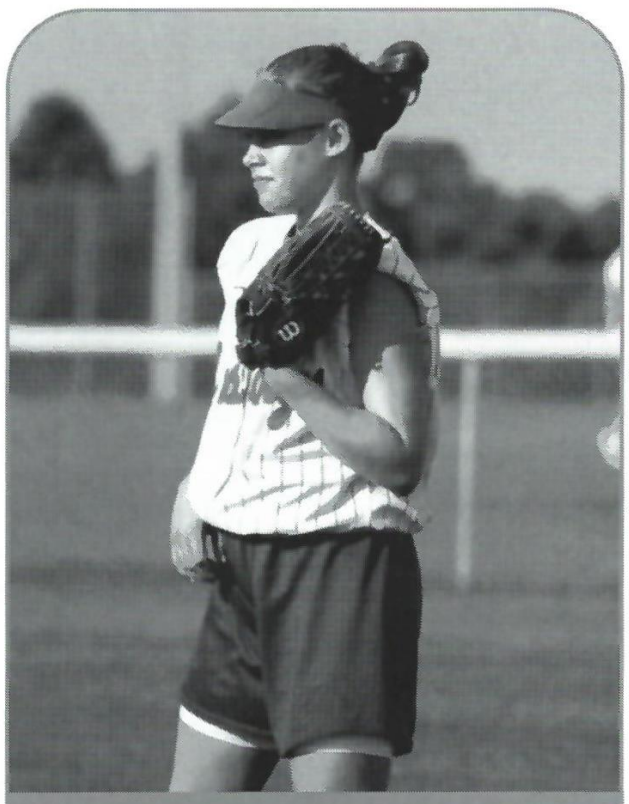




Waiting to throw the next pitch is freshman Kristin Meuhling. Sophomore Missy Kelly said that Meuhling was a very effective pitcher this year and helped with a lot of the shutouts that lead to a 10-2 season. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

focus on

pages by Jen Neuberger

The JV and reserve softball teams finished with winning seasons. The JV girls had a lot of experience on their team and the reserve girls showed a lot of talent for the future.

"We did very well this year. I think we improved with our batting consistency and just overall. I really enjoyed being on the reserve team because it really helped me get to know people " freshman **Lauren Volentine** said.

The JV girl shutout ten teams and had little difficulty with opponents.

" Our most disappointing game this year was when we lost to Westside, but we did rebound in our game against Papio. It was really tough, but we pulled together and were able to win!" sophomore **Nicole Reidl** said. The success of these seasons shows a lot of promise for future teams.

JV Softball: front- Nicole Riedl, Valerie Slama, Tristan Cieciorka, Kelly Rhodes, Amanda Grown, Missy Kelly; ***back***- coach Kelly Duffek, Laura Fonda, Mckenzie McGill, Kristin Muenling, Lynae Gardiner, Cortney Decker PHOTO BY MARTIN PHOTOGRAPHY

Reserve Softball: front- Tristan Cieciorka, Stacey Larson, Jasmin Jonsson; ***second row***- Laura Fonda, Sarah Brownell, Cacy Barnard, Ashley Krieger, Rachel Sorensen; ***back***- Kristin Nivehling, Cortney Decker, Lauren Volentine, Amy Kirkindall, Andrea Ferris, Kristin Hacker, coach Julia Kolander; PHOTO BY MARTIN PHOTOGRAPHY

Congratulating each other after a point earned are juniors Becca Shaw, April Hoffman, and seniors Jenny Janis, Ellen Dixon, and Lacey Ross. The varsity team finished the season district runner-up.
PHOTO BY NATE MARQUISS

"The larger crowds helped us maintain intensity each game from the start of the season to the end."

-junior Audrey Brassill

Powerful Opponent or Powerless Opponent

Varsity		JV	
Lincoln High	L	Bellevue West	L
Millard South	W	Papillion LaVista	L
Grand Island	W	Omaha Burke	W
Lincoln East	W	Omaha Central	W
Bellevue West	L	Lincoln High	W
Omaha Marian	L	Bellevue West	L
Lincoln High	L	Westside	W
Lincoln Pius X	W	Omaha Burke	L
Omaha Skutt	W	Omaha Northwest	W
Lincoln NE	L	Omaha North	W
Bellevue West	L	Bellevue West	W
Bellevue West	L	Marian	L
Westside	W	Lincoln Northwest	L
Westside	W	Omaha Central	W
Millard West	W	Millard South	L
Omaha Central	W	Omaha Benson	W
Bellevue West	L	Lincoln Northwest	W
Omaha Burke	W	**Record**	10-7
Omaha NW	W		
Omaha North	L		
Bellevue East	W		
Omaha Marian	L		
Lincoln NE	L		
Omaha Central	W		
Millard South	L		
Westside	W		
Omaha North	L		
Omaha Benson	W		
Lincoln NE	L		
Omaha Marian	W		
Lincoln SE	L		
Record	16-15		

Hitting the ball over the net during the Millard North JV Invitational are juniors Tonya Fidler and Kelsey Riewer.
PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

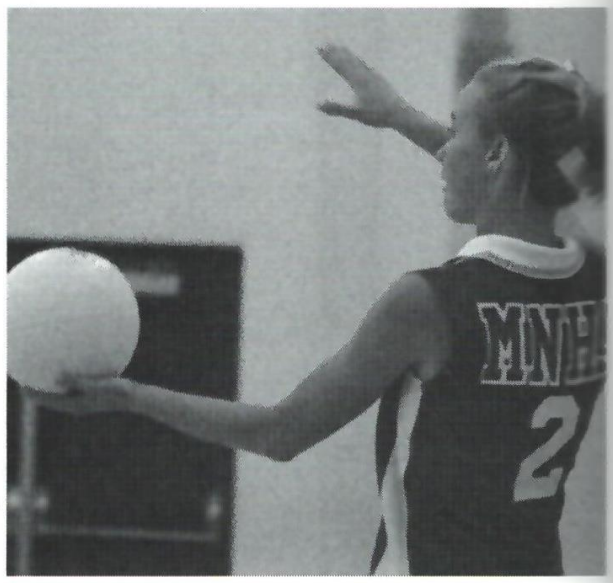
In Depth

Throughout high school, senior Lindsay Mohon reached great heights by shattering the school's record for career digs with 860.

"I love to dig the ball because every time you dig, you take a kill away from the other team," Mohon said.

Looking back, Mohon will always remember the character her team showed in rough times.

"I wouldn't have rather played with any other group," Mohon said.



Setting up to serve the ball is senior Lindsay Mohon. Mohon began playing volleyballl in the fourth grade. PHOTO BY JOSH CHEEK

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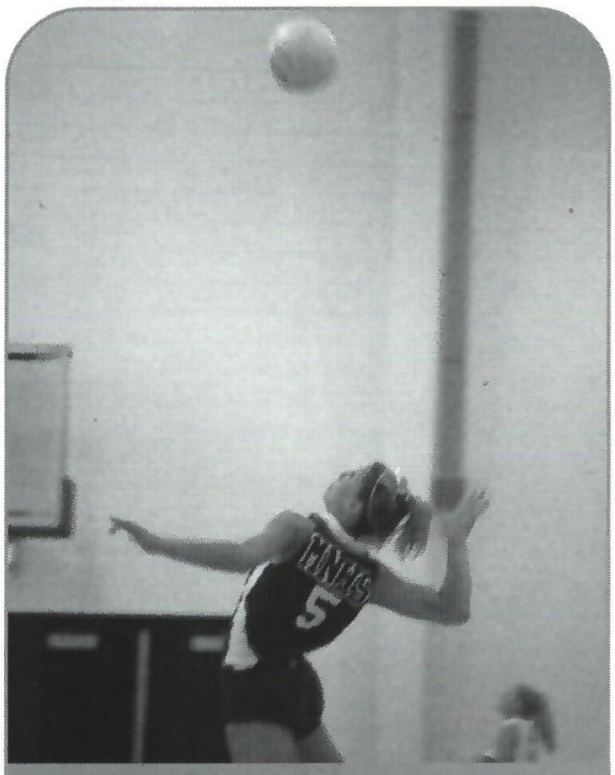

Spiking the ball during a game is junior April Hoffman. Hoffman led the team this season team with 178 kills, 56 aces, and 288 digs. Hoffman was also named to the *Omaha World Herald* first team Class A All-Metro.
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focus on

pages by Sarah Johnson

Before the first game, the JV and varsity teams set their goals high. Both teams' main goal was to develop team chemistry and work together.

"At the beginning of the season, we held a team meeting. Everyone set individual and team goals and were given a copy of them. It helped us keep track of our progress," senior **Jenny Janis** said.

Larger crowd attendance also helped the girls reach their goals.

"At school, people began to ask about how the season was going," junior **Becca Shaw** said. "Having people at our games showed that people cared what we were doing."

However, the most important thing in the girls' eyes were their teammates.

"The best part of volleyball is the team atmosphere. The girls were energetic and supportive," junior **Audrey Brassill** said

Varsity Volleyball: front- Kelsey Reiwer, Lindsay Mohon, Ellen Dixon, Lacey Ross, April Hoffman, Audrey Brassill, Tonya Fidler; ***back***- assistant coach Nicole Nielson, Adeola Kosoko, Jenny Janis, Becca Shaw, Angie Janis, Kristin Wheeler, assistant coach Michael Durbin, head coach Gretta Hubert PHOTO BY MARTIN PHOTOGRAPHY

Junior Varsity Volleyball: front- Nichelle Kimbrough, Amy Havick, Sara Schult, Hillary Stone; ***back***- Kelli Knight, Kelsey Riewer, Tonya Fidler, Amanda Bailey, coach Nicole Nielson;
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After winning their first game against Bellevue East, sophomores Jakalyne Bosco, Amanda Naro, Jen Neuberger, Brianna Meeves, Lindsey Schaffart, and Megan Bolmeier talk about plans for the second game . The sophomore team went on to beat Bellevue in two games. PHOTO BY JOSH CHEEKS

"We had to make a lot of changes this year between switching setters, and losing players to JV, but it all worked out pretty well."

-freshman Emily Fuhs

Opponent Powerful or Opponent Powerless?

Reserve		Freshmen		
			A	B
Lincoln High	L	Westside	W	W
Omaha Burke	W	Lincoln Southeast	W	L
Lincoln Souheast	L	Omaha Burke	W	W
Westside	W	Millard South	W	W
Millard South	W	Lincoln Northeast	W	W
Lincoln Northeast	L	Millard West	W	W
Marian	L	LaVista	L	L
Papillion Lavista	W	Lincoln East	W	W
Bellevue East	W	Marian	L	W
Lincoln East	L	Millard West	W	W
Omaha Central	W	Millard South	L	W
Bellvue West	L	Omaha Bryan	W	W
Omaha Burke	W	Omaha Central	W	W
Millard West	W	Northwest	W	W
Record: 8-6		Record: 11-3		Record: 12-2

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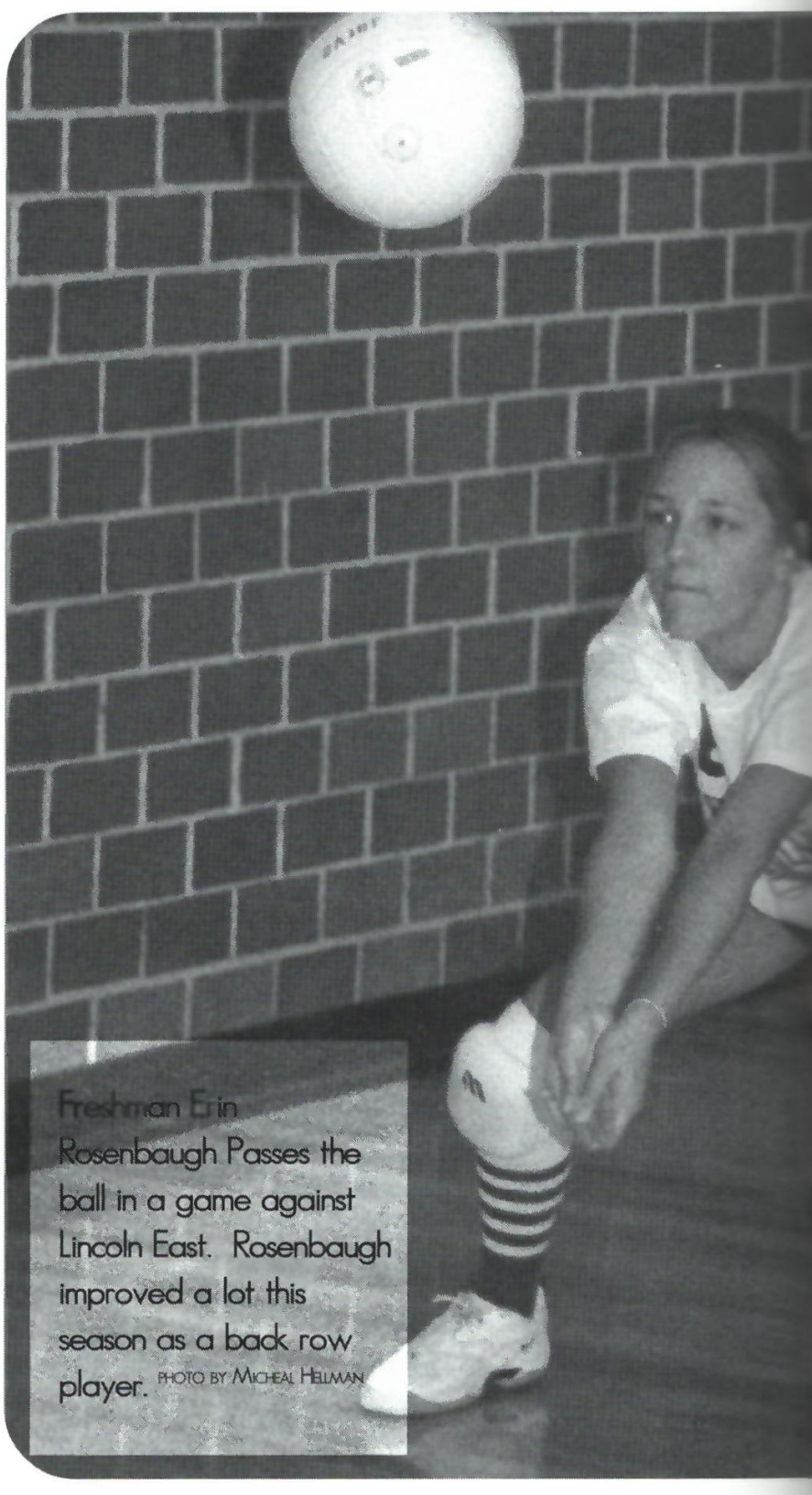
Digging the ball is freshman Katie Andersen. Andersen started out this season on the B team, but with all of the adjustments that were made, she swung to A team midway through the season. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN



Freshman Erin Rosenbaugh Passes the ball in a game against Lincoln East. Rosenbaugh improved a lot this season as a back row player. PHOTO BY MICHEAL HELLMAN

In Depth

Brienna Meeves was a very valuable hitter and digger for the sophomore team. She also contributed many ace serves.

"Brie was great this year. She was an excellent volleyball player, but more importantly she always tried to get all of us really pumped up when we were behind or if we kind of let up because we were really ahead." Sophomore player Megan Bolmeier said.

"This year I just tried to make the best out of the season. I thought all of the girls did really great and we ended up with a winning record!" Meeves said.

Warming up before a game are freshmen Stephanie Reed, Erin Rosenbaugh and Whitney Brinker. Warm-ups were a very important part of the match. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

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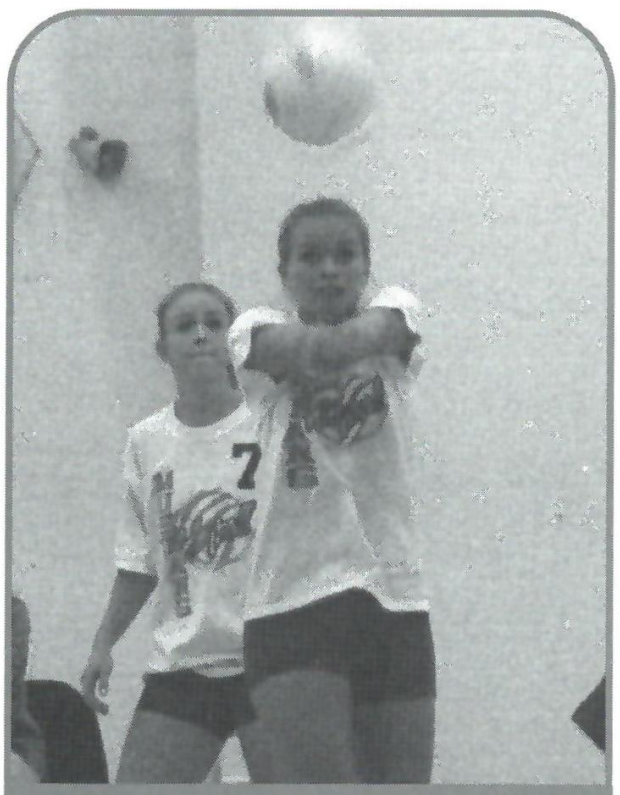


Sophomore Jen Neuberger passes the ball in a game against Bellevue East. Playing winter volleyball taught her extra skills that helped her at the net and made her a better player. Another benefit was that she was able to try new positions. PHOTO BY JOSH CHEEF

focus on

pages by Jen Neuberger

The freshman and sophomore volleyball teams both had a winning season.

"We (sophomores) finished out the year 9-7, which was very good considering that last year we only won about three games!. Also it was kind of a challenge this year because we only had seven girls on our team, which meant we couldn't really sub in," sophomore **Lindsay Schaffart** said.

The freshmen team was the best group of new volleyball players MN has ever seen according to some players.

"I think most of our success this year was due to the fact that most of us came into tryouts with at least some volleyball experience prior to high school" freshman **Kristi Schmid** said.

For both teams, hard work and experience payed off despite changes in lineups.

volleyball

Reserve Volleyball: front- Brianna Meeves, Jen Neuberger; ***second row***- Lindsey Schaffer, Jackalyne Bosco, Megan Bolmeier; ***back***- Amanda Naro, coach Kelly Wilson, Shannon Wilson PHOTO BY MARTIN PHOTOGRAPHY

Freshmen Volleyball: front- Kristi Schmid, Stephanie Reed, Emily Fuhs, Ana Marie Rice, Whitney Brinker, Anna Thrasher, Erin Rosenbaugh; ***back***- coach Monte Scheef, Andrea Khank, Katherine Anderson, Erin Johnson, coach Ellen McNemar PHOTO BY MARTIN PHOTOGRAPHY

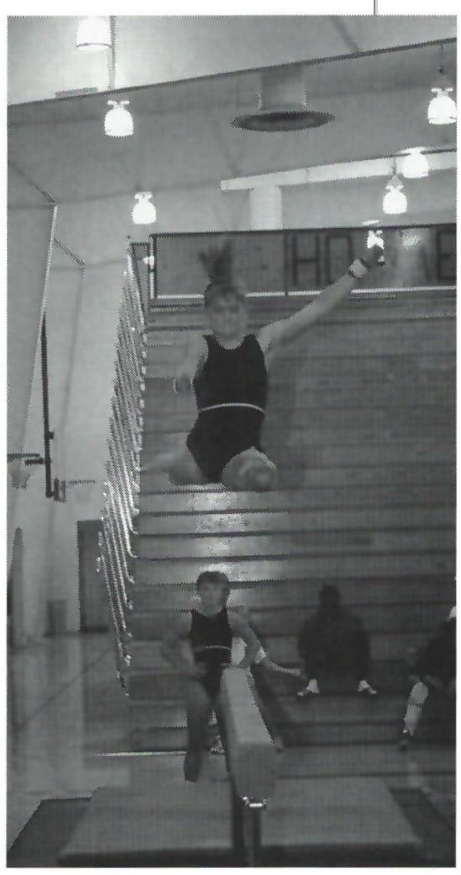
Practicing wolf jumps on beam is sophomore Katie Lasher and freshman Amanda Ohnoutka. Along with jumps and turns, tumbling series were required to be executed during the routine
PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

winning back to back

Opponent

Powerful or Powerless?

Millard West	134.9-112.5
Ralston Invite	1st
Papillion/LaVista	133.1-139.0
Om. North & Lincoln East	1st
Millard South Invite	1st
Lincoln SE & Millard South	1st
Papillion Invite	1st
Westside/Ralston	147.45-121.85
Metro	1st
State	1st



With perfect precision, sophomore Katie Lasher gives all her effort on her leap. The gymnast's jumps had to be perfectly aligned over the four inch wide balance beam. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

Going for the stick on her bars routine at the Metro competition is junior Andrea Berry. Berry went on to finish third in the All-Around.
PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

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Hitting her release move on bars during warm-ups is freshman Amanda Ohnoutka. The team had only two minutes to get ready before performing their routine.
PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

In depth

Freshman Alicia Schmidt has been involved in gymnastics for seven years. She goes to practice at a private gym five days a week. Schmidt was put into the gymnastics program by her parents because she was "wild around the house."

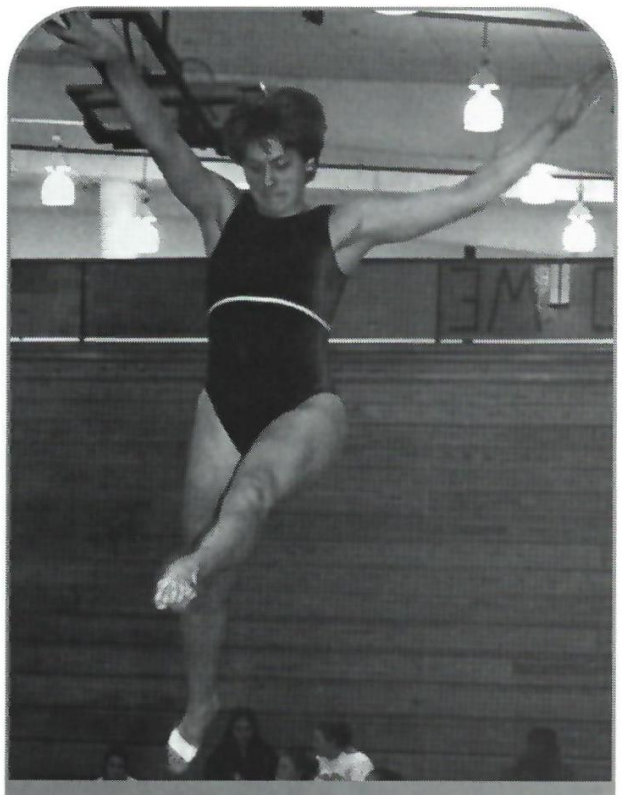
"My favorite part of being on the team was being able to meet friends and traveling to other schools for competition," Schmidt said.

On top of winning Metros the girls placed first for the second consecutive year.

Finishing her floor routine is freshman Alicia Schmidt. Her routine helped the team win first place at Metros for the tenth straight year. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

"Eye of the Tiger was our theme this year. We really stood up to that; we stared our opponents down."

-junior Nicole Green



Concentrating on landing her leap series is senior Hillary Wynn. This is Wynn's fourth year on the gymnastics team. Three out of the four years she has been a part of the state championship team. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

focus on gymnastics

pages by Lindsey Dame

Although many changes were made to the gymnastics program this year, the girl's team managed somehow to pull off yet another state championship title.

"Winning state was the most exciting part of the season for me. Everyone really pulled together as a team to get the job done. Even the girls who weren't competing helped out a lot by showing their spirit," junior **Rachel Maly** said.

This was the first year gymnastics was not a sanctioned sport. In addition Margie Huff and Becky Stepanek stepped up to fill the spot as coaches.

"We worked well all the time, but that showed especially at Metros and state ," senior **Hillary Wynn** said.

Even through trying times, the 17 gymnasts showed their determination to remain on top of their competition.

Girls Gymnastics: front- Cecily Cinotto, Laura Shkolnik, Andrea Horton, Alicia Schmidt, Amanda Ohnoutka; ***second row***- Coach Margie Huff, Rachel Maly, Jenny Junk, Katie Lasher, Kaitlyn Fischer, Andrea Berry, Coach Becky Stepanek; ***back***- Nicole Johnson, Kate Harman, Hillary Wynn, Tara Verplank, Brenna Carson, Nicole Green
Not Pictured-Ann Jizba PHOTO BY MARTIN PHOTOGRAPHY

Discussing skills at practice are junior Andrea Berry, sophomore Katie Lasher, and coach Margie Huff. Each of the girls were responsible for going over routines during practice.
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MN vs

Opponent Powerful

Omaha North Invite	3rd
Omaha Bryan	56-21
Lincoln East	46-24
Kearney	23-40
Westside	46-24
Millard West Invite	2nd
Omaha Northwest	62-6
Metro Tournament	1st
Lexington Invite	2nd
Millard West	33-31
Norfolk Invite	1st
Metro Duals	1st
Districts	1st
State	2nd
Dual Record:	5-1

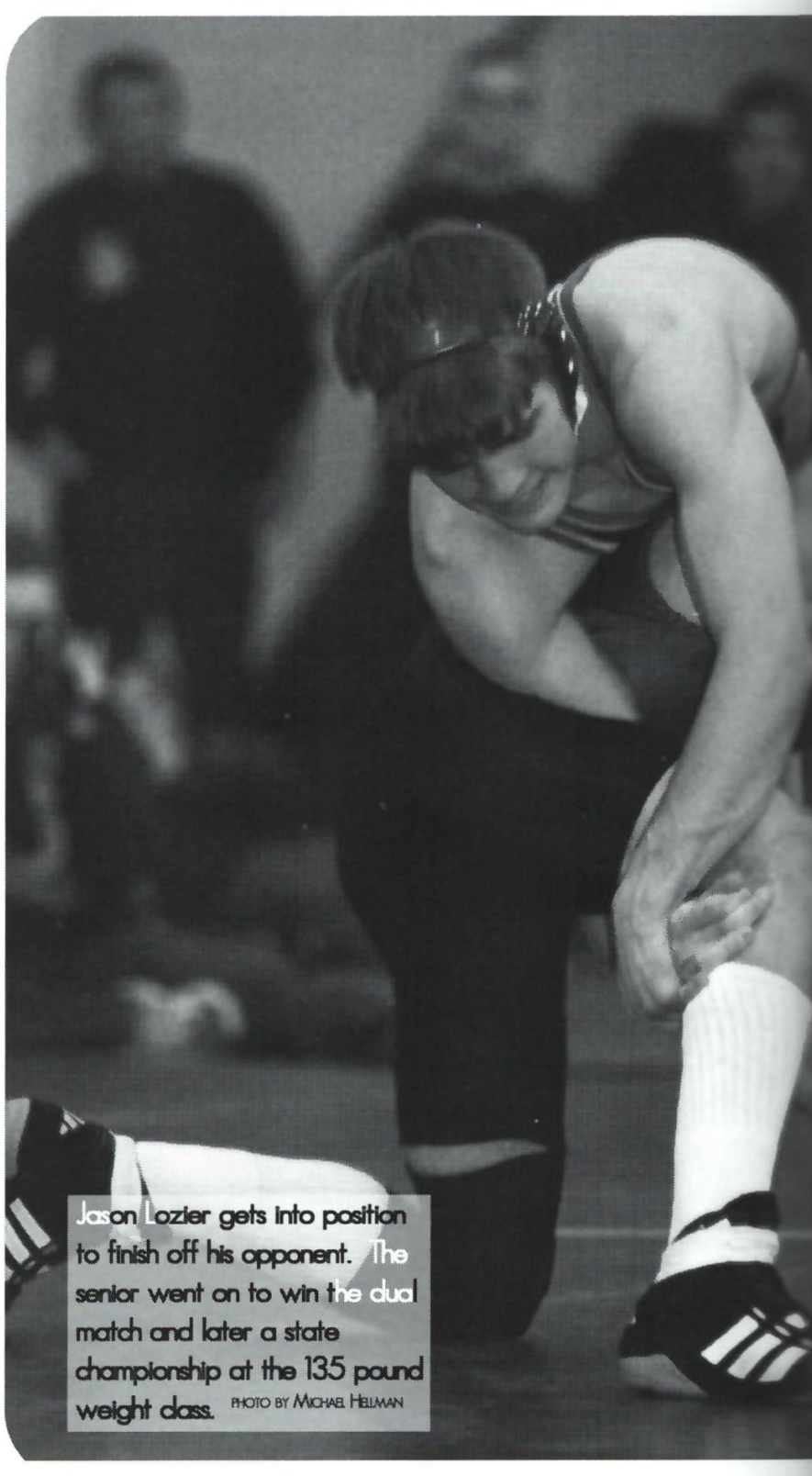
Varsity

Opponent Powerless?

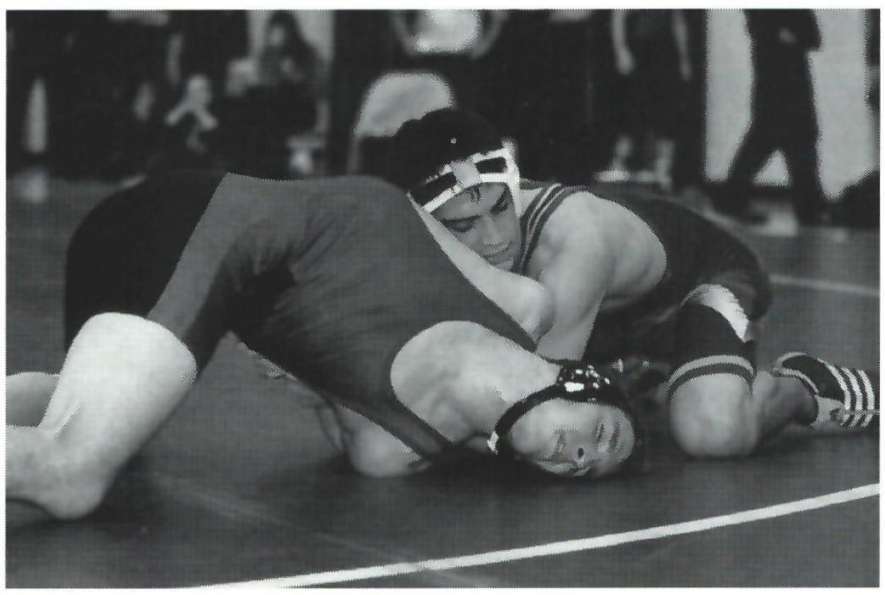
Wymore/Southern Invite	3rd
Winser/Pilger	T-8th
Arlinton Invite	2nd
Lexington Invite	2ndth
Bellevue West Invite	4th
Bryan	46-39
Lincoln East	58-30
Kearney	33-6
Westside	30-0
Northwest	40-0
Millard West	42-35
Dual Record:	6-0

JV

a run for glory

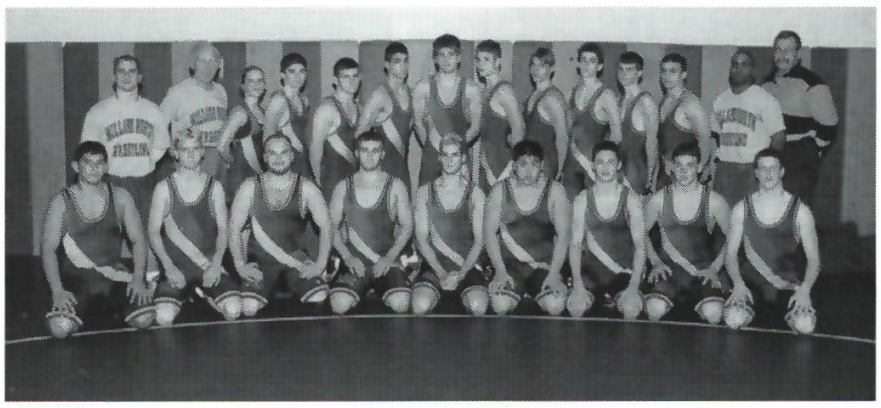


Jason Lozier gets into position to finish off his opponent. The senior went on to win the dual match and later a state championship at the 135 pound weight class. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN



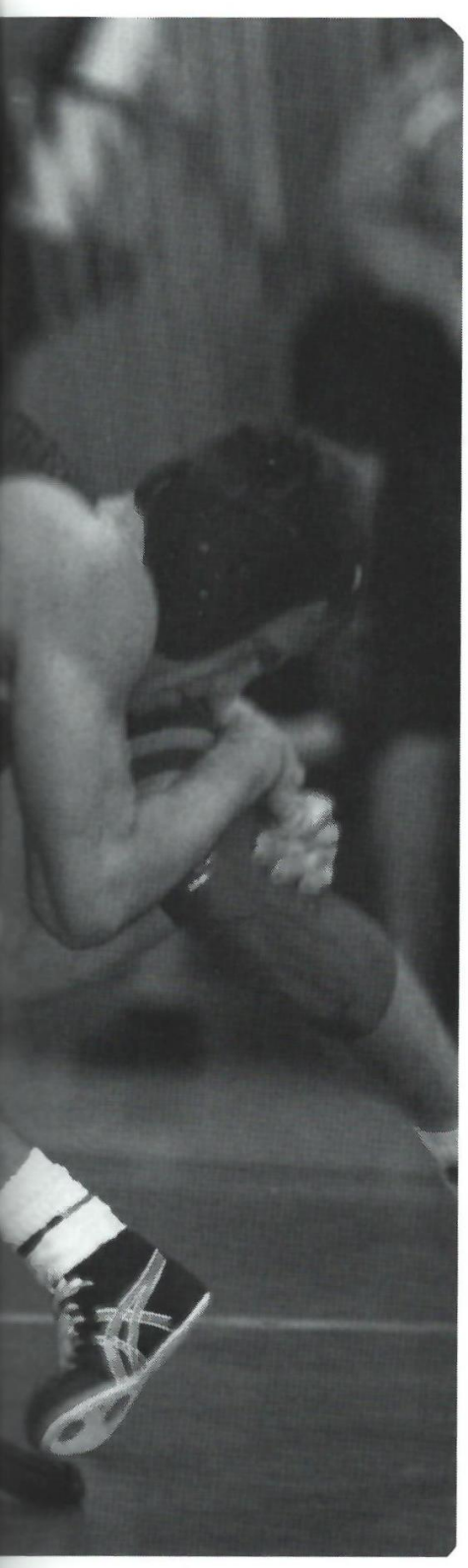
Senior Josh Smith works for the winning points in a dual meet. Smith qualified for state in his last year of competition. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

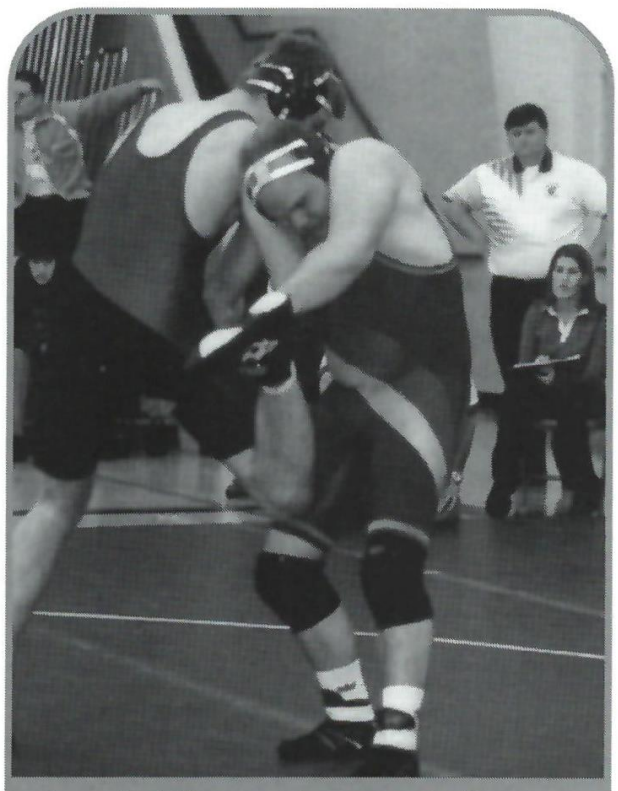
Varsity Wrestling: front–Nate Kohler, Ryan Knight, Jack Stanton, Casey Friar, Adam Oakley, Andy Liu, Phil Beck, Keith Lloyd; ***back***– coach Josh Erickson, coach Mel Masek, Krista Van Wyhe, Joe Irwin, Chris Kinsella, Josh Smith, Jason Lozier, Dan Synowicki, Brett Lipold, Jason Cave, Troy Snow, Nick Edmonds, coach Braumpn Creighton, coach Mark Lloyd. PHOTO BY MARTIN PHOTOGRAPHY



"When I won the state championship this year it sent me into a complete stage of shock and bliss."

-senior Jason Lozier





Junior Jack Stanton takes control of his opponent at the 189 pound weight division. Stantan transferred from Skutt High School and quickly made an impact on the team. He was one of 13 qualifiers for the state tournament. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

focus on wrestling

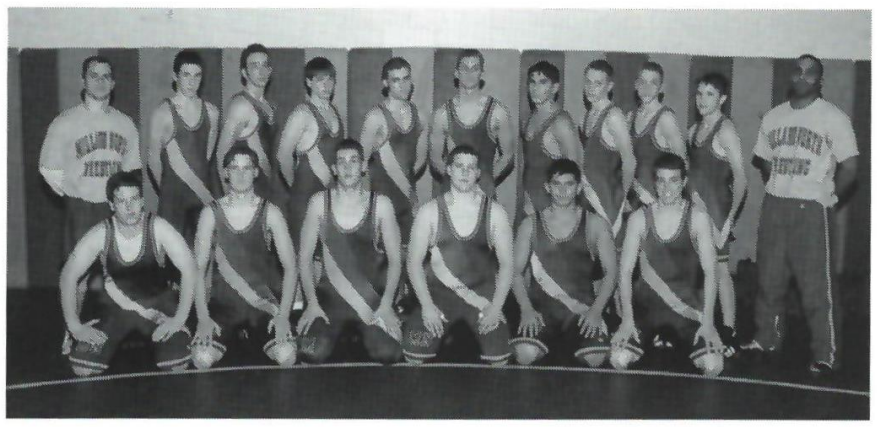
pages by Erik Pulverenti

Millard North has always had a prestigious wrestling program and this year was no exception. High expectations were there for this talented squad, but they fell just short of their final goal.

"Next year we are seriously going to win state. There is no doubt in my mind," junior **Jack Standon** said about next year's team.

Despite a close second place in state, there were four state champions including Jason Lozier, Chris Kinsella, Nick Edmonds, and Casey Freyer.

"It was an awesome experience to win state and I can't wait to take a run at the title again next year," junior **Casey Freyer** had to say about his wrestling career.



Junior Varsity Wrestling: ***front***-Wyndham Jones, Erik Panowicz, Ross Haley, Matt Kinsella, Nate Koehler, Spencer Bartlett; ***back***-coach Josh Erickson, Brett Bartlett, Jeff Hoeft, Matt Schaub, Jim Salerno, Riley Hoelting, Ryan Doke, Jason Mollak, Justin Mollak, Trevor Lieberth, coach Braumon Creighton. PHOTO BY MARTIN PHOTOGRAPHY

Freshman Wrestling: ***front***-Jared Witthaus, Brian Ford, Jon Vawter, Matt Hackwarth, Dan Wooton, Jack Riley, David Donovan, Jay Roberts, Sam Edelstein; ***back***-coach Lance Ott, Adam Schaal, Brian Larson, Pat Wanning, Brian Kronberg, Dirk Verplank, Tony Cimino, Andrew Labens, Anthony Doering, Trent Hayner, Geoff Wrenn, coach Brent Snow.
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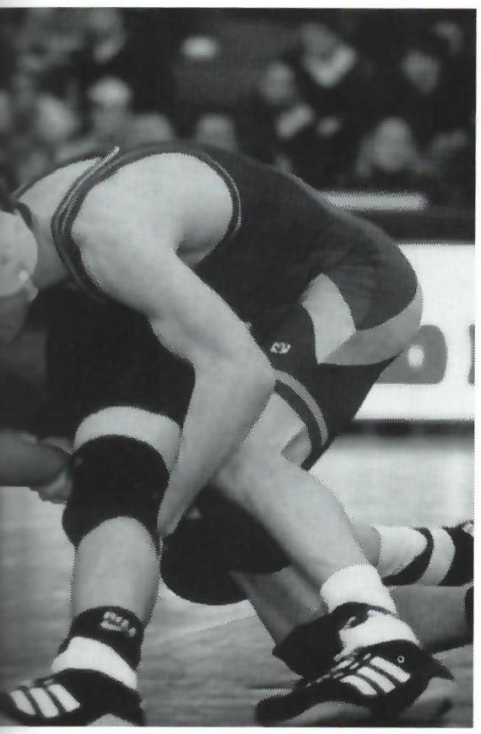

Junior Joe Irwin works to get position against his Millard West opponent. Irwin was one of many juniors to step up and wrestle at the varsity level .
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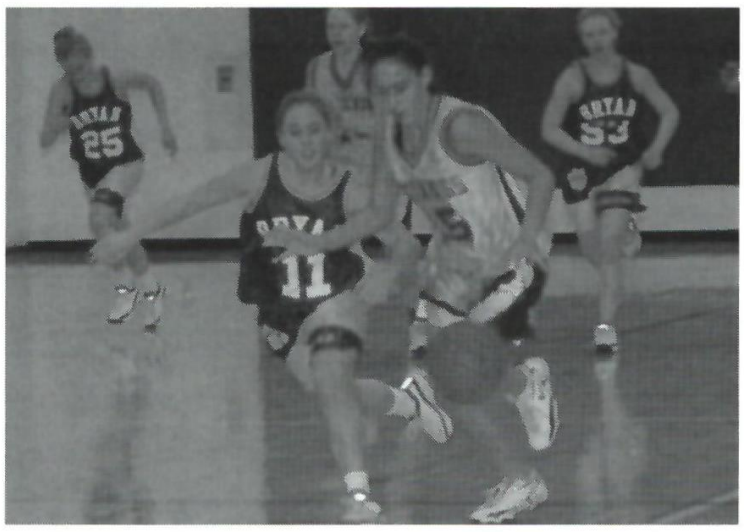


Junior Jessie Ladwig brings the ball up the court during a press-break. Players were strategically placed on the court so that no traps would occur. PHOTO BY ASHLEY ROSENBOOM

> "We've laughed together, and grown a lot in the past four years. It's like having a bunch of sisters. I wouldn't have missed it for the world."
>
> -senior Amanda Holland

Opponent Powerful or Opponent Powerless?

MN vs

Varsity		JV	
Omaha North	51-50	Omaha Skutt	36-31
Lincoln East	51-43	Fairfield	13-76
Omaha South	58-20	Lincoln Lutheran	38-61
Millard West	54-36	Westside	40-35
Bellevue East	44-33	Omaha North	70-31
Omaha Marian	34-54	Lincoln East	36-40
Omaha Central	55-31	Omaha North	37-51
Omaha South	63-23	Omaha South	36-17
Omaha Bryan	58-47	Omha Bryan	70-31
Bellevue East	39-48	Omaha Central	60-36
Papillion LaVista	41-47	Papillion LaVista	52-40
Omaha Burke	59-31	Omaha Burke	45-58
Bellevue West	55-53	Bellevue West	49-47
Nothwest	68-37	Nothwest	58-29
Omaha Marian	54-36	Omaha Marian	31-48
Millard West	44-35	Millard West	43-38
Omaha Benson	61-35	Omaha Benson	49-24
Omaha Marian	50-56		
Papillion LaVista	22-28		
Lincoln Southeast	41-53		

Junior Brecka Ruby looks for an outlet. The team spent many hours working on their secondary break. PHOTO BY ASHLEY ROSENBOOM

Senoir Natalie McCart drives to the hoop with force. The team lifted weights to gain more muscle tone. PHOTO BY JOSH CHEEK

In Depth

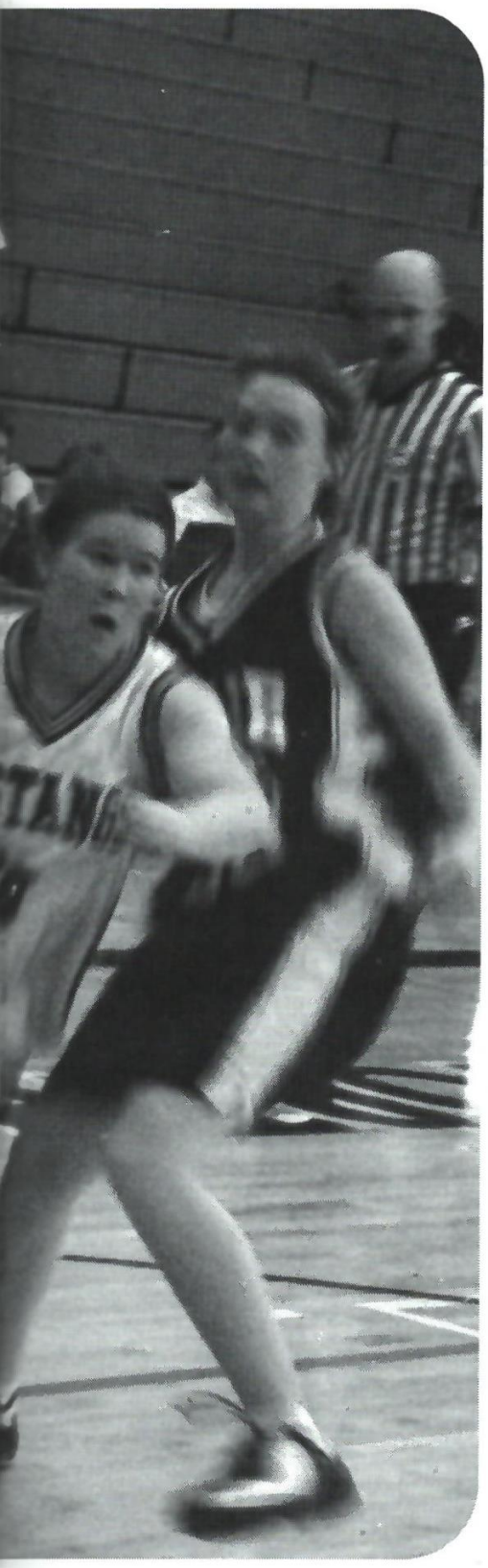
Senior Jessie Runty, a Pacific University recruit, came from the Elkhorn district as a new addition to the team. Runty contributed as a starting guard.

"My motivation came from my love for the game and the feeling of accomplishment that we as a team acquired," Runty said.

By the end of the season, Runty was "one of the girls" and accepted by the coaches and players. "Jessie brought to us a strong fundamental background and a work ethic which blended well with the intensity and desire of the returning players," coach Jeff Ritz said.

Senoir Jessie Runty follows through after having shot a three pointer. The varsity spent many hours prefecting their shot. PHOTO BY JOSH CHEEK

pushing the limit



Junior Angie Janis challenges a player one on one. She was the starting center and delivered in the paint as well as at the three point line. PHOTO BY JOSH CHEEK

focus on basketball

pages by Kathleen Lenie

The varsity girls began the season with the goal of getting to the state tournament. The junior varsity girls set out to help the varsity achieve their goal by gearing practices towards them. Key varsity players such as Angela Janis and Amanda Holland made offensive opportunities for guards including Emily McCart, Natalie McCart, and Jessie Runty.
Freshman Amy Mathis and the rest of the team created a strong bench that Coach Jeff Ritz said he could count on. Each player was motivated by different things.
"The thing that motivated me the most this year was the seniors, and how they always made me wors my hardest. I felt like I was also helping make them better," junior Beth Schuster said.
The varsity girls met their goal by getting the wild card and going to state.

Varsity Girls Basketball: front-Katie Berge, Jessie Runty, Natalie McCart, Emily McCart, Amy LeBlanc, Beth Schuster, Coach Terry Thielen; ***back***-Coach Jeff Ritz, Val chermok, Danielle Hartle, Angie Janis, Amanda Holland, Amy Mathis, Coach Donn Kasner. PHOTO BY MARTIN PHOTOGRAPHY

JV Girls Basketball: front-Angela Sulley, Jessica Ladwig, Julie Buckingham, Kelsey Riewer, Ashley Jessick, Brecka Ruby; ***back***-Sara Schult, Jenna West, Justine Caniglia, Val Chermok, Kristy Wilke, Amy LeBlanc, Coach Terry Thielen.
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Sophomore Stephanie Marr drives down the court full speed. This was Marr's second year playing for MN. PHOTO BY ASHLEY ROSENBOOM

"Each team had lots of confidence that filled the gym to the top."

-sophomore Abbie Oldham

Opponent Powerful or Opponent Powerless?

reserve		*freshmen* A	B
Marian	55-27	Marian	28-47	23-37
Millard West	29-28	Westside	27-18	24-20
Lincoln Northeast	40-29	Lincoln High	25-32	45-24
Papillion/LaVista	51-24	Millard South	31-21	34-21
Westside	56-8	Omaha North	43-20	-
Bellevue East	31-40	Lincoln East	51-5	-
Lincoln East	23-42	Papillion	21-29	30-6
Millard South	29-19	Omaha Northwest	29-8	-
Marian	42-40	Millard West	21-43	27-9
Omaha Central	71-28	Lavista	15-30	35-12
Omaha North	39-18	Omaha Skutt	-	38-35
Millard West	32-21	Omaha Central	54-49	43-32
Westside	65-19	Millard South	-	28-15
Millard South	39-24	Marian	-	8-26
Papillion/ LaVista	48-24	Omaha Burke	46-49	-
Record:	13-2	Omaha Benson	34-49	-
		Omaha South	45-9	-
		Omaha Gross	-	29-19
		Millard South Invite	-	-
		Omaha Gross	36-33	-
		Millard West	24-31	-
		Record:	8-8	10-2

Freshman Heather Duncan scans the court for a teammate to pass to. The girls lost on Burke's court 46-49. PHOTO BY CANDICE KELLOGG

Dribbling down court in a game against Millard South is sophomore Abbie Oldham. MN finished ahead with a ten point lead. PHOTO BY ASHLEY ROSENBOOM

In Depth

Sophomore Abbie Oldham contributed to the successful season of reserve girls basketball.

Throughout the year she worked on many things including improving her shot.

"I've always had trouble with my form, but I got extra help outside of school," Oldham said.

The team had an enormous amount of confidence and pride in each game. They had only one goal in mind, to come out on top.

"Our record shows it all. Millard North has always had a very competitive edge. Each team had confidence that filled the gym to the top and each and every girl that stepped on the court, gave it her all," Oldham said.

Sophomore Justine Canigia prepares to make a two-point shot. Caniglia started the game as center. PHOTO BY ASHLEY ROSENBOOM

striving to be the best

Freshmen Leighann Thagrad recovers the ball and hustles down court to shoot. The freshmen girls B team lost to Marian during the first game, but they didn't lose the rest of the season, except against Marian again.
PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

focus on basketball

pages by Lauren Banghart

Motivation and teamwork brought victory to both the freshmen and reserve girls basketball teams.

"Most of us came from two rival schools. At the beginning of the season we all competed against each other but finally we decided to compete against other teams, instead of within our own, and we pulled together," freshman **Sam Dokken** said.

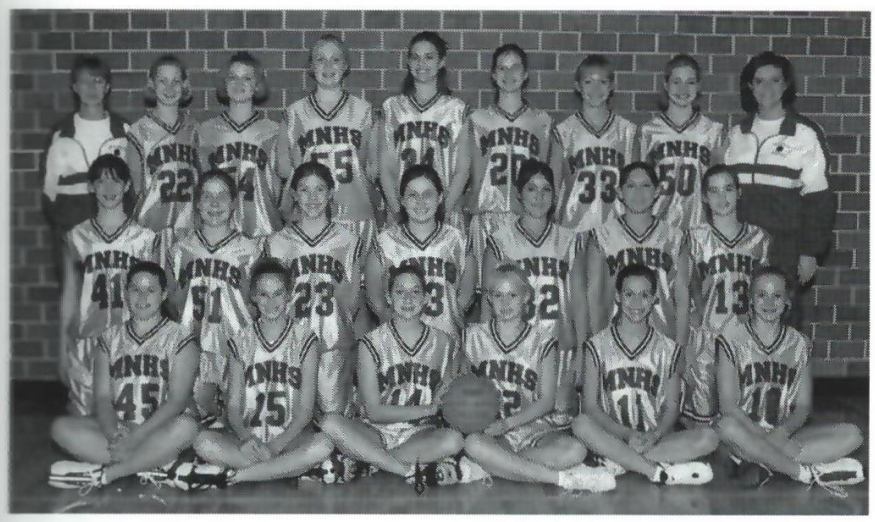
Pulling together helped immensely and the B team only lost to one team.

"I was upset when we lost to Marian the second time, but at least we only lost to one team," freshmen **Haley Thole** said.

Basketball isn't just skill, it's also hard work, and it takes a good attitude.

"Being part of a team takes dedication and heart. I can truly say we all have these qualities that put us near the top," sophomore **Abbie Oldham** said.

Reserve Girls Basketball: front– Michelle Simon, Angela Sulley, Abbie Oldham, Stephanie Marr; ***back***– coach Donn Kasner, Justine Caniglia, Sara Schult, Beth Guschenritter; ***Not pictured;*** Kathleen Lenie PHOTO BY JACK MARTIN PHOTOGRAPHY



Freshmen Girls Basketball: front –Tina Johnson, Jasmin Jonsson, Andrea Beller, Laura Steele, Leighann Thagrad, Jessica Swanson; ***second row***– Kaela Burke, Laura Groggel, Anna Hohenstein, Haley Thole, Heather Duncan, Alexis Ganey, Ashley Grace; ***back***– coach Mindy Reed, Emily Fuhs, Baylee Burton, Sam Dokken, Tiffani Flink, Katie Anderson, Amy Kirkendall, Katherine Anderson, coach Maureen Preble
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Bringing the ball up the court is junior Ryan Haller. The JV team was defeated by Bellevue West 58-72.
PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

"Our goal at the start of the season was to have a winning record. We didn't want to settle for less."

-senior TJ McAndrew

Opponent Powerful or Opponent Powerless?

Varsity		JV	
Norfolk	62-70	Tri County	39-59
Grand Island	36-67	Red Cloud	60-52
Westside	42-64	Grand Island CC	50-58
Omaha North	55-52	Westside	37-40
Lincoln East	51-75	Lincoln East	63-76
Millard South	41-51	Omaha South	62-61
Omaha South	59-64	Omaha Central	49-71
Omaha Central	43-73	Omaha Bryan	35-68
Omaha South	62-69	Bellevue East	53-67
Omaha Bryan	58-56	Millard South	49-59
Bellevue East	53-67	Papillion LaVista	52-40
Millard South	38-43	Omaha Burke	45-58
Papillion LaVista	36-50	Omaha Northwest	78-71
Omaha Burke	61-69	Bellevue West	58-72
Bellevue West	64-58	Millard West	60-48
Omaha Northwest	52-55	Omaha Benson	70-54
Millard West	42-46	Omaha Creighton Prep	58-55
Benson	59-74	Record	3-15
Creighton Prep	56-59		
Millard West	47-68		
Record	4-16		

Junior Scott Dunaway attempts to pass the ball. Dunaway played both varsity and JV for the majority of the season.
PHOTO BY CANDINCE KELLOGG

Junior Frank Barton rises above the opponets and takes a jump shot. "Barton has the potential to be an excellent player," head coach Leon Bose said.
PHOTO BY JOSH CHEEK

In Depth

Senior **Adam Freeman** showed good work ethic to fulfill a leadership role.

"Freeman goes hard in practices and games. He shows a lot of vocal support and isn't afraid to jump in when others need to be pushed," head coach **Leon Bose** said.

Freeman agrees that basketball is not only about playing ball but also the frienships that are formed.

"My favorite part of the game has got to be the three-point shot. I love to step back behind the line and let it fly," Freeman said. "I also enjoy getting to spend time with great guys."

Senior Adam Freeman sets up during a game. "I enjoy going through our trademark "Bust Out" and storming onto the court," Freeman said.
PHOTO BY JOSH CHEEK

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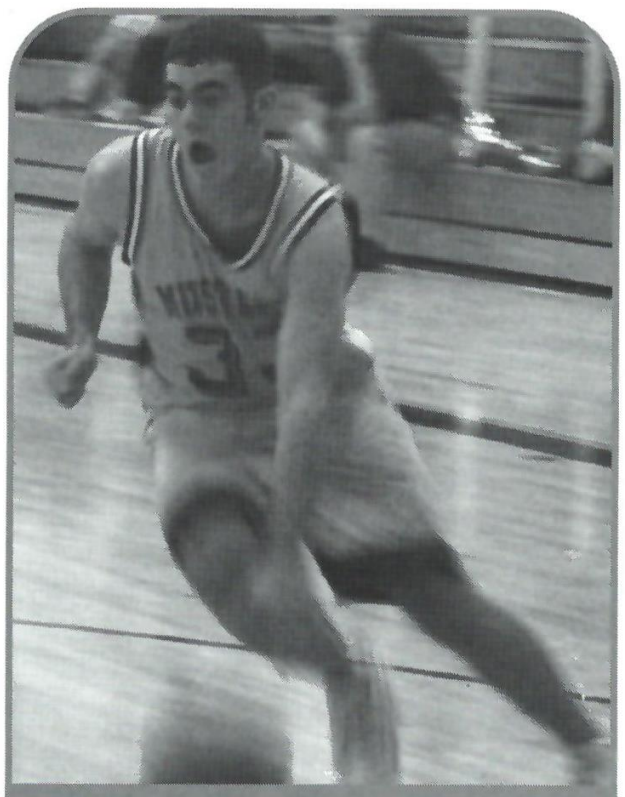


Scrambling during a game is senior Jerod Santo. This was Santo's fourth year playing varsity basketball. Santo also represented the basketball team as "Mr. Basketball" in the Mr./Ms. Mustang pageant. PHOTO BY JOSH CHEEK

focus on basketball

pages by Sarah Johnson

At the beginning of the season, the JV and varsity boys basketball teams knew that with determination, incredible results could be reached.

With the help of swinging JV players, the varsity team obtained depth, which along with a hard work ethic, made it possible to beat two ranked teams.

"The best part of the season was beating two very good, ranked teams. It's always exciting to beat the defending state champions (Bellevue West)," head coach **Leon Bose** said.

However, both teams agreed that the important parts of the season were the friendships and bonds that were formed.

"The best part of the season was just playing ball and hanging out with the team," sophomore **John Morley** said.

Varsity Boys Basketball: front*-** Eliot Schwer, John Morley, AJ Anderson, Frank Barton, Sean Nelson, Brad Rooker, Ryan Haller, Nick Brand, Scott Dunaway, Adam Olsen; ***back -assistant coach Curt Schulte, head coach Leon Bose, Matt McVey, Chase Odenreider, TJ McAndrew, Troy Grover, Sean Kroenke, Brian Myers, Adam Freeman, Jerod Santo, assistant coach Dave Bacon; PHOTO BY JACK MARTIN PHOTOGRAPHY

JV Boys Basketball: *front*- AJ Anderson, Eliot Schwer, Scot Dunaway, John Morley; ***back*** - Sean Nelson, Frank Barton, Ryan Haller, Brad Rooker, Nick Brand, Adam Olsen, Coach Dave Bacon; PHOTO BY JACK MARTIN PHOTOGRAPHY

Sophomores Balin Bergman and John Morely go up for a rebound. Morely was a lead scorer in the game with 12 points. Morely also played for the JV team. PHOTO BY ASHLEY ROSENBOOM

"I think that our team did surprisingly well this year. From the beginning of the year to the end, we came together as a team and improved greatly."

-sophomore Jon Day

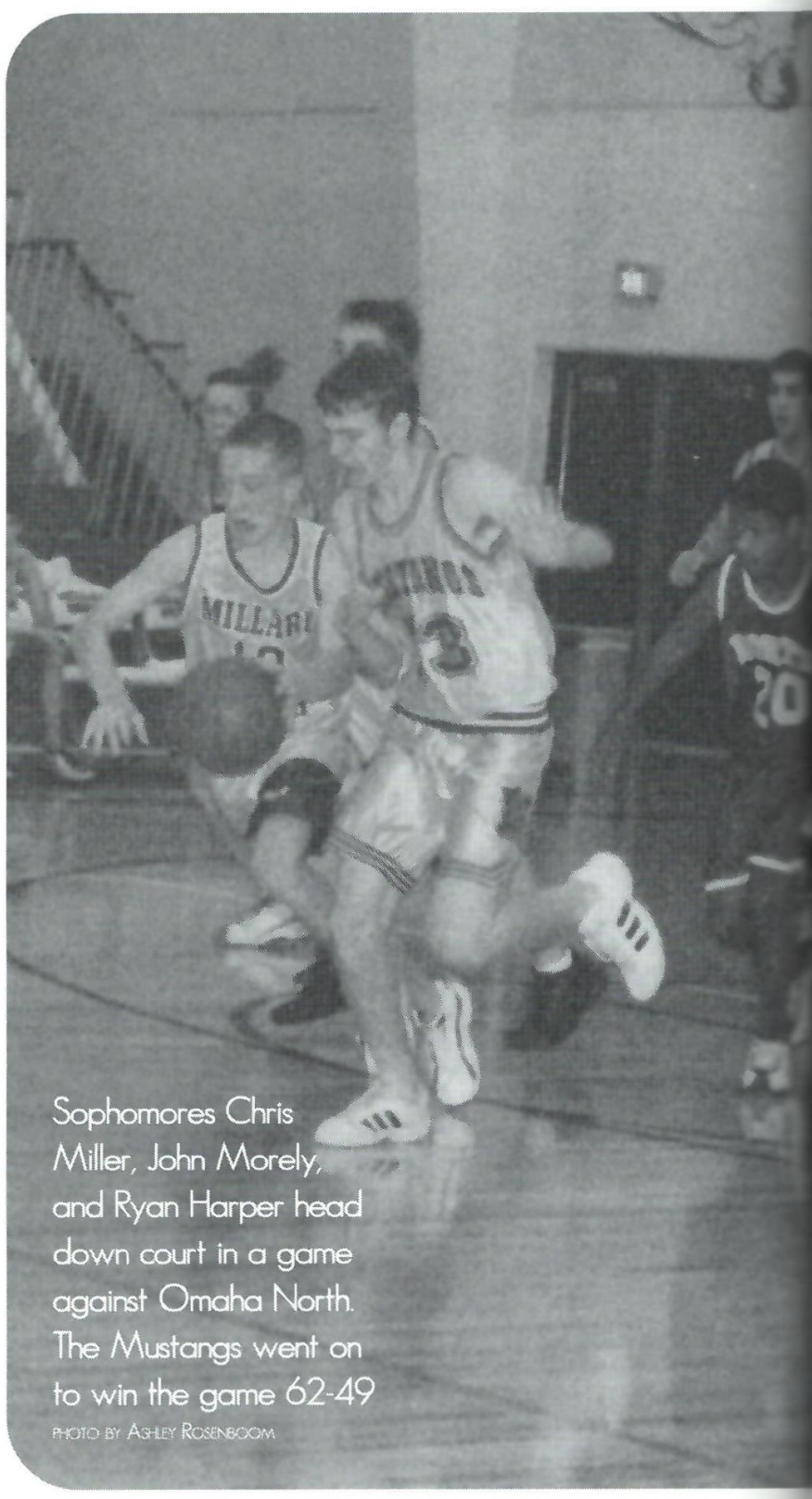
Opponent Powerful or Opponent Powerless?

sophomore

Westside	51-53
Omaha North	62-49
Omaha South	71-45
Lincoln East	39-60
Gross	63-73
Bryan	49-40
Lincoln Northeast	48-51
Millard South	65-57
Papio	54-65
Omaha Burke	69-39
Bellevue West	58-32
Omaha Northwest	57-48
Record:	7-5

freshmen

	A	B
Westside	37-40	33-36
Prep	65-60	21-47
Benson	49-44	44-36
Millard South	49-34	33-37
Omaha North	46-36	41-27
Omaha South	67-40	38-34
Omaha Northwest	36-42	-
LaVista	50-38	49-35
Lincoln Southeast	45-49	45-41
Millard West	35-38	36-34
Omaha Burke	62-56	33-36
Papio	42-45	29-23
Omaha Central	51-49	37-30
Lincoln East	42-38	52-51
Record:	10-5	9-4



Sophomores Chris Miller, John Morely, and Ryan Harper head down court in a game against Omaha North. The Mustangs went on to win the game 62-49

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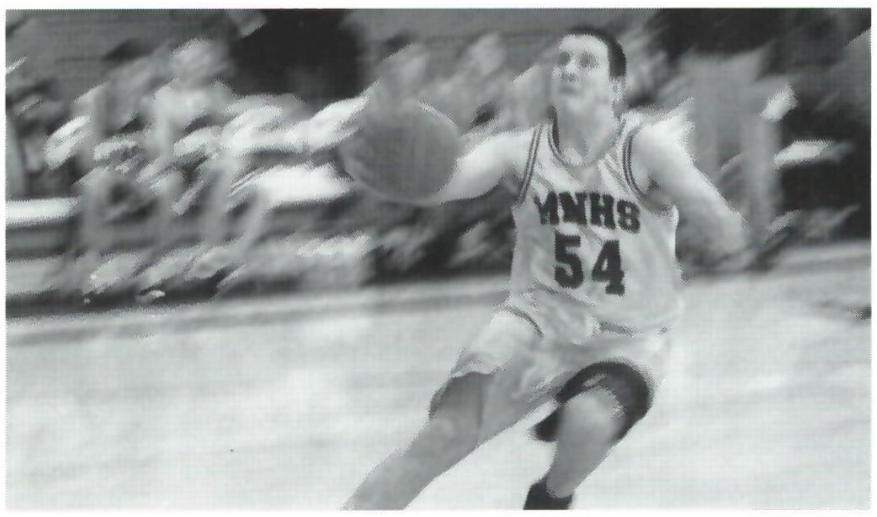

Freshman player Brett Siepker reaches for the ball in a game against LaVista. Siepker led the team to a win with 14 points. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

In depth

Freshman John Heiman started for the reserve and JV basketball teams, and managed to be one of the more valuable players

"I think I had a very good year. It was fun to play at a level above my age and perform well against the older players." Heiman said.

Heiman was not only a valuable asset in games, but he was also a very hard worker at practice.

"John always gave 100% effort at practice and always encouraged the rest of us if we were having a bad practice." sophomore Brad Underwood said.

Sophomore Adam Olsen attemps a shot during a game against Omaha North. Olsen played for both the reserve and JV teams. PHOTO BY ASHLEY ROSENBOOM

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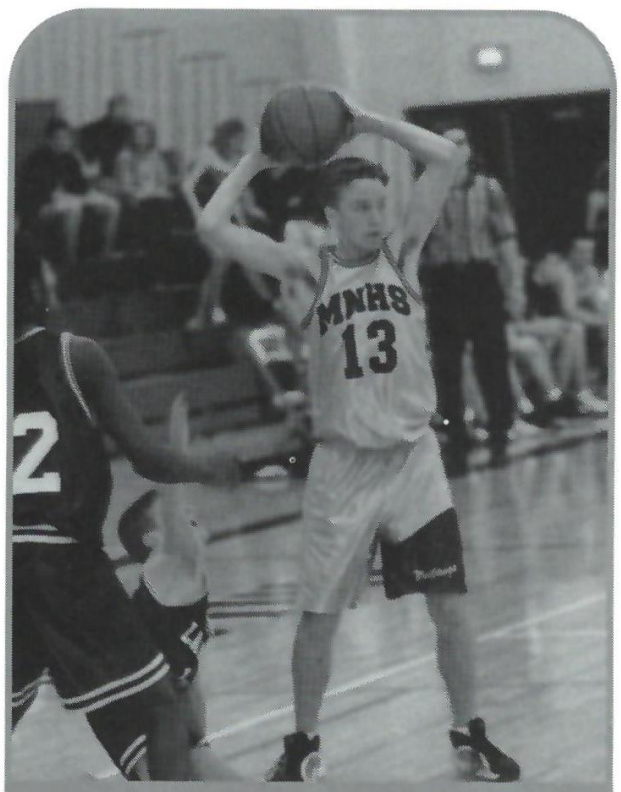


Freshman player John Sturgeon looks for a teammate to pass the ball to during a game against LaVista. The Mustangs went ont to win the game, and Sturgeon was a lead scorer with 10 points. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

focus on basketball

pages by Jen Neuberger

The freshman and sophomore boys basketball teams achieved winning seasons through teamwork and a lot of extra effort.

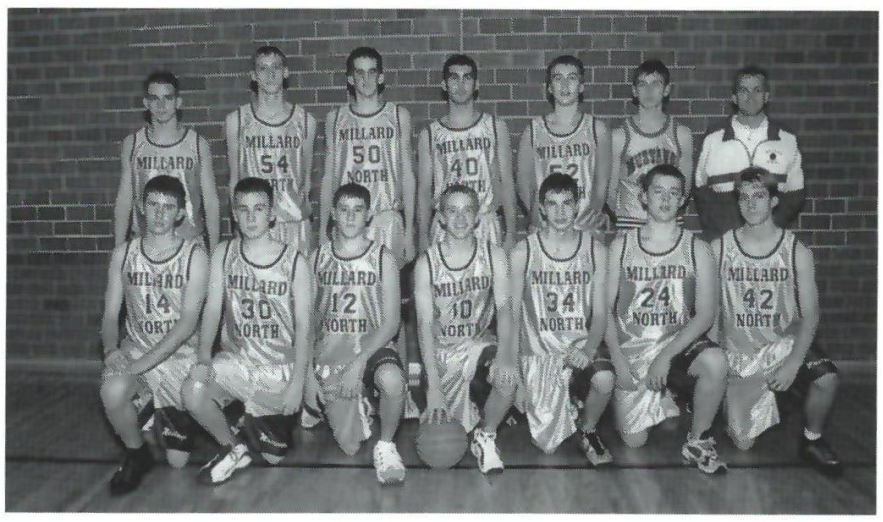
"Our team did very well this year, and we improved dramatically from the beginning of the year. Individually everyone progressed, and so did the team effort." reserve player John Heimann said.

The players hard work paid off in wins.

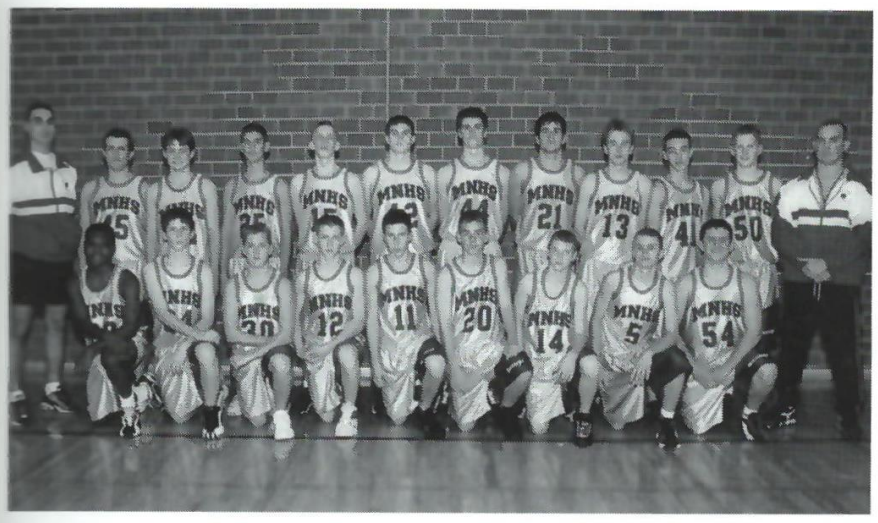
"Our best game was against Central. We held them to a season low 32 points and outscored them by 21, so that was really exciting." reserve player Chris Miller Said.

"I really enjoyed playing this year. My team worked well together, so it was a good experience." freshman Cliff Tullis said.

Much of the basketball teams' successes were due to motivated players.



Reserve Boys Basketball: front–Ryan Major, Ryan Harper, Chris Reinke, Chris Miller, Matt Schomers, Brad Underwood, Jon Day; ***back***–Balin Bergman, Kirk Sklenar, Allan Provarse, John Heimann, Adam Olsen. John Morley, Coach Curt Schulte; Photo by Martin Photograghy



Freshman Boys Basketball: front–Cliff Tullis, Mike Luce, Chris Nelson, Ben Legrow, Mark Hofschulte, Scott Thorson, Matt Kelberg, Matt Norris, Bret Siepker; ***back***–Mark Pillen, Chris Cota, Brandon Claxton, Josh Powers, John McDonald, Cody Mahrt, Mathew Wiedenman, John Sturgon, Jay Smith, Joel Nelson; Photo by Martin Photography

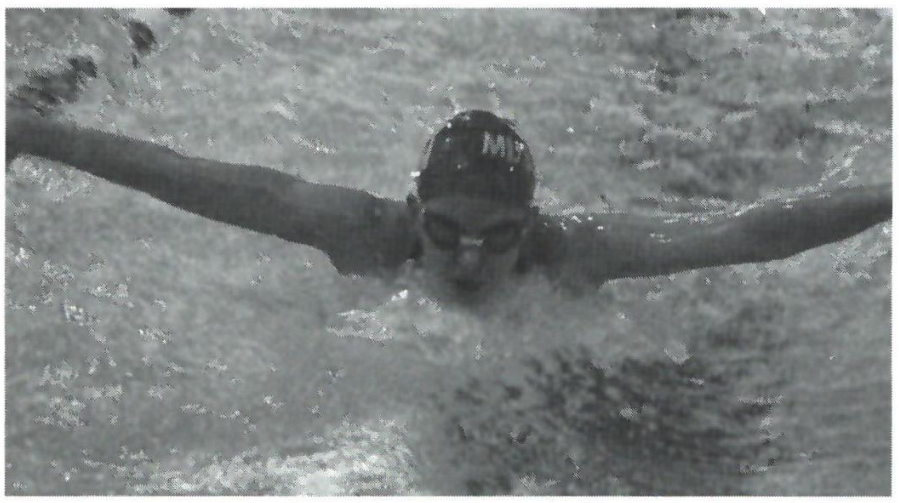
Freshman Laura Scholnik practices a front dive during 5:30 a.m. training. Shkolnik was one of the few freshman to go to state.
PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

a strong current

Opponent ful Opponent less?

MN vs

	boys		girls
Ram Relays	6th	Ram Relays Ralston	2nd of 12
Bellevue West	112-71	Bellevue West	131-54
Millard South	111-60	Millard South	112-71
Lincoln SE Invite	4th of 14	Lincoln SE Invite	4th of 14
Millard West	94-80	Millard West	76-110
Ram Relays Ralston	6th of 12	Omaha Central	116-53
Omaha Central	112-54	MN Invite	5th of 18
Omaha Burke	108-66	Omaha Burke	105-61
Omaha Northwest	117-36	Omaha Northwest	116-54
Omaha Westside	81-99	Omaha Westside	109-77
Millard South Invite	4th of 13	Metros	4th of 15
Metros	3rd of 15	State	4th of 33
State	4th of 33	**Record:**	6-1
Record:	6-1		



Freshman Katie Shald pushes through the water at swimming practice. Shald led the team to many victories in the 100-yard butterfly. PHOTO BY JOSH CHEEK

Freshman Jessie Bailis plows through the water at state, swimming the 100 yard breaststroke. Bailis was named state champ with a new school and state record of 103.9 seconds, making her an automatic high school All-American. PHOTO BY KILEY CHRISTIAN CRUSE OF THE OMAHA WORLD HERALD

In depth

Senior Cole Hyvonen will always remember his four years of swimming at MN.

"Being in swimming was one of my favorite activities at MN, it taught me lessons that will last a lifetime," Hyvonen said.

Hvyonen's best event was the 100 freestyle, where he usually placed in every meet.

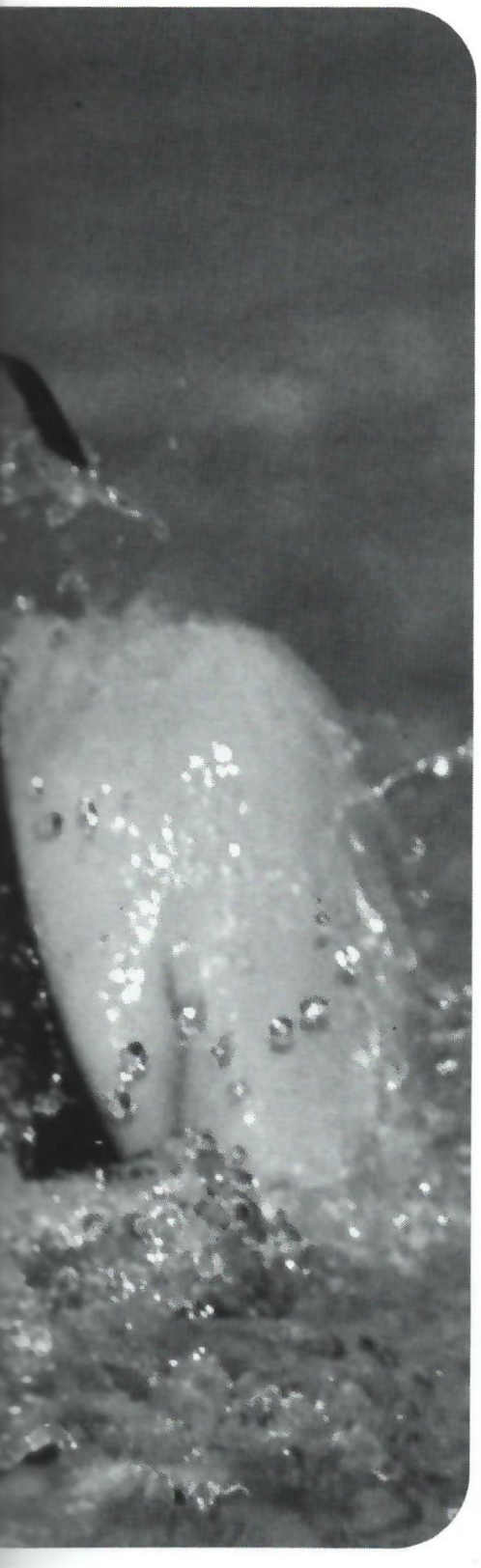
"I don't really need to work on my swimming skills, other than practicing, but I need to stop being as competitive. I need to have more fun," Hyvonen said.

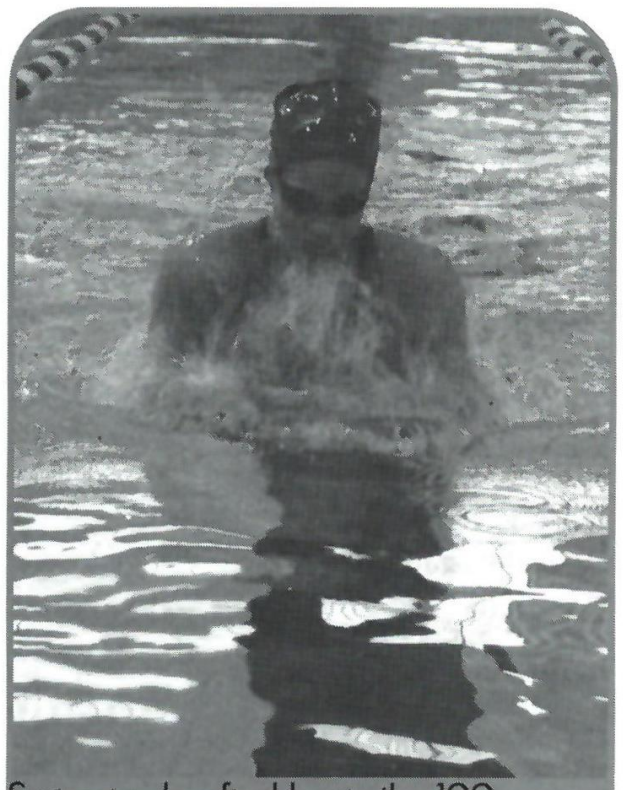
Next year, Hyvonen plans to swim in college.

Senior Cole Hyvonen swims after school in the pool area. Hyvonen placed sixth in the 100-yard freestlye, and eighth in the 50-yard freestyle at state. PHOTO BY JOSH CHEEK

"Through a lot of mental and physical training, our team managed to achieve success. I'm proud of all of us!"

-freshman Hannah Bryant





Swimming her final lap in the 100 breaststroke is junior Ashley Renshaw. Renshaw was considered one of the more dominant swimmers in the 100-yard breast-stroke, and at state she placed fourth. PHOTO BY JOSH CHEEK

focus on swimming & diving

pages by Alyson Carstens

A strong team bond helped the swimming and diving team achieve success. From sleepovers, spaghetti feeds, to toga formals, the swimmers met outside of school to come together.

"I loved the girls' nights. We stayed up all night getting pumped up for the meet. And to support the boys, we TPed their houses. It rocked!" sophomore **Leslie Piaskowski** said.

The swimmers couldn't count on their closeness to win, because they had to practice constantly to remain in control. Conditioning was critical.

"Four mornings a week, at 5:30 a.m., we swam. After school, we ran, lifted weights, and did sit-ups and push-ups," junior **Mark Bryant** said.

The numerous physical activities that the team completed allowed them to have a powerful year that ended with a fourth place state finish.

"I was amazed of both the boys and girls. They did an outstandng job at state, which reflected their hard work!" coach **Rich Draper** said.

Boys Swimming: front-Wes Glimer, Ben Vest, John Radall, Ryan Shaffer, Cole Hyvonen, Adam Knudsen; ***second row***-Dan Lassek, Mark Petersen, Brad Bigger, Mark Bryant, Matthew Moncivais, Jon Thompson, Ben Nelson; ***back***-Coach Rich Draper, Clark Youngman, Kyle Olig, Andy Bradshaw, Nick Milan, Sam Vasta, Dan Morris, Coach Craig Kersten; PHOTO BY JACK MARTIN PHOTOGRAPHY

Girls Swimming: front- Erin Hines, Rebecca Phillips, Leslie Piakowski, Candice Kellogg, Ashley Amick, Brooke Olsen, Carey Ellison, Megan Guthrie, Brenna O'Connor, Jami Hoyt, Megan Anderson, Andrea Black, Samantha Mosley, Megan Sasges, Laura Shkolnik; ***second row***-Jessie Case, Katie Ohrt, Jenny Mai, Lindsey Johnson, Brittany LeGrow, Sara Vandervort, Ashley Renshaw, Jessica Loyd, Audra Wessel, Rona Vergo, Colby Ellsworth, Tiara Andersen, Hannah Bryant, Stephanie Reed, Jessica Burket, Kristin Reitz; ***back***- Toni Wilshusen, Aimee Thompson, Angela Sakaris, Rose Anderson, Kate Mytty, Jacque Kaiser, Brooke Paulsen, Katie Collins, Jessie Bailis, Berit Hallberg, Katie Shald, Natale Bingham, Lara Schlenker, Ashley Palmer, Whitney Brinker, Olivia Sappenfield. PHOTO BY JACK MARTIN PHOTOGRAPHY

Performing their routine at Metros, the cheerleaders took first in the varsity cheer division with a perfect score.
PHOTO BY ASHLEY ROSENBOOM

cheer to the extreme

senior nostalgia

For those seniors who had been on cheerleading all four years of their high school career, this past year meant more to them because of the many friendships and memories they had formed together.

Seniors Mindy Maxson, Brier Jirka, Megan Schmolke, Jessica Turner, and Katie Wanning were five out of the seven seniors who had been on cheerleading since their freshmen year. To some, their fellow cheerleaders were not just teammates they were more special than that.

"This year was unique because we all got along; it was more like a family than just a cheerleading squad," senior Jessica Turner said.

November 4 was their last Metro competition.

"I've waited four years to be a senior on varsity. Nothing can surpass the feelings that went through my body that day," senior Brier Jirka said.

These seniors said they will always remember their many years of cheerleading and will be proud of what they accomplished in their time here.

Performing their dance to "Jessie's Girl" at Metros. The cheerleaders always tried to include some old school music in their routine, along with some popular music.
PHOTO BY ASHLEY ROSENBOOM

Performing their Metros cheer at the fall pep rally are the varsity cheerleaders. Performing in front of the student body was always a highlight.
PHOTO BY ASHLEY ROSENBOOM

In depth

Enlightening situations and always looking at things from a positive perspective were some things that people on the varsity squad will remember when they think of junior Jessie Combs.

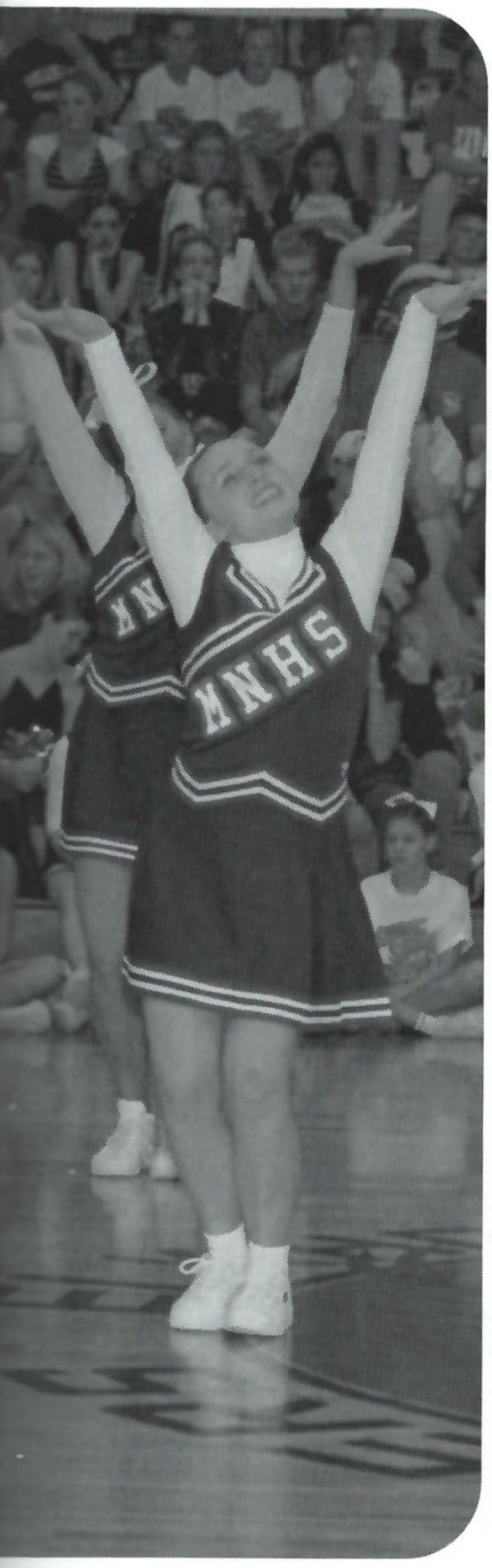
"I know when we were stressed with the fact that Metros was only weeks away I would try to make people laugh and just remind them that this is a lot of fun."

Her enthusiasm and pursuit to do the best were always appreciated by her fellow squad members. Combs was definitely one of the leaders on the squad.

Doing a toe touch is junior Jessie Combs at the Metro cheer competition. This was Comb's third year in cheerleading. PHOTO BY ASHLEY ROSENBOOM

"We had never lost to Millard West, and we weren't going to start."

- senior Jessica Turner



Practicing her side hurdler is senior Jessica Turner. Turner found the squad motivated by reminding them that we had never lost to Millard West and we weren't going to start." PHOTO BY ASHLEY ROSENBOOM

focus on varsity cheerleading

pages by Cindy Gottschalck

When Nov. 4 finally arrived not one regret crossed a spirit leader's mind as she ran off the gym floor with pure excitement and energy.

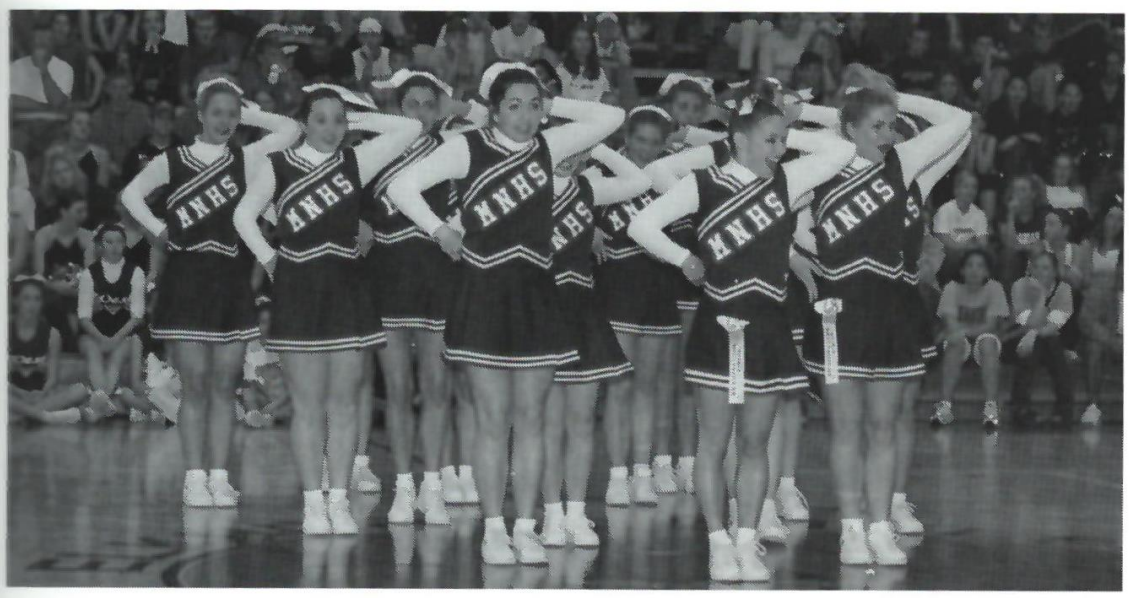
"We knew we had given it our all, and that's all that mattered to us," junior Jessie Combs said.

At the end of the day they walked out the doors with a first place trophy and overall champions.

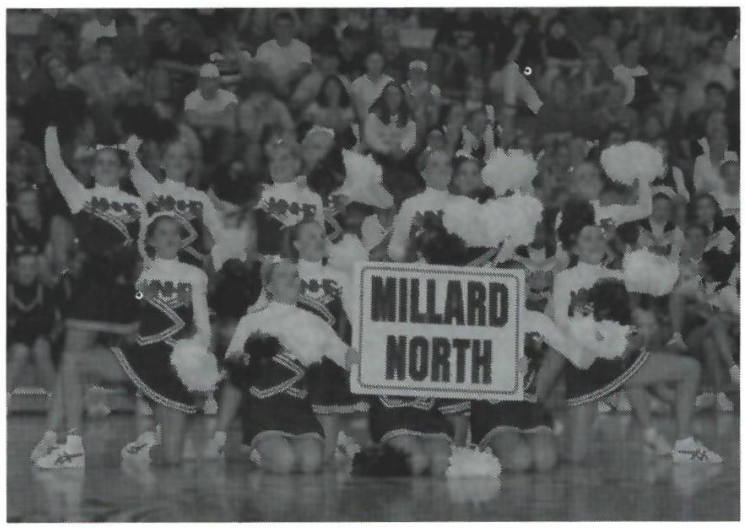
"It meant a lot to us because we had put forth so much time and effort. It made us more motivated for state!" junior Carrie Nielson said.

On or off the court, the 16 varsity girls gave Mustang Power a whole new meaning and continued to prove that you can't break a mustang's spirit.

Varsity Girls: front row–Jessica Turner, Leah Moreno, Katie Wanning, Mindy Maxson, Megan Schmolke, Brier Jirka, Kara Mullins; ***second row***–Jessie Combs, Megan Santa Maria, Leslie Hansen, Cindy Gottschalck, Christi Greene, Bethany Sedlacek; ***back***–Kim Burnham, Lindsey Dame, Carrie Nielsen PHOTO BY JACK MARTIN PHOTOGRAPHY



Performing at Metros on Nov. 4, the cheerleaders wowed the crowd with their sharp dance moves. The crowd especially liked the nintendo sequence because of the interesting sound effects and fun dance moves. PHOTO BY ASHLEY ROSENBOOM



Finishing up their cheer at Metros are the JV cheerleaders. The JV squad used their Millard North sign to get crowd involvement.
PHOTO BY ASHLEY ROSENBOOM

"We had a lot of determination to do well, and we tried our best."

-junior Sarah Edelstein

spirited girl

one on one

Her first year at MN, freshman Paige Jones excelled as a cheerleader.

"I liked being a cheerleader this year because I love to get into the school spirit, and it's just fun," Jones said.

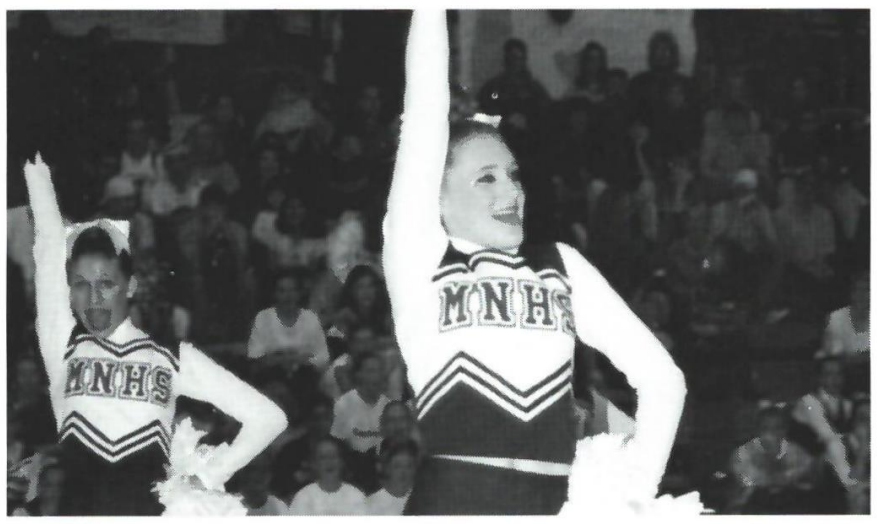
Not only did Jones participate in cheerleading for the school, she also was involved in Elite cheer. Jones said that being on both teams was hard because she had to make time for both of the squads.

"I love being on both squads (Elite and MN) because I love to cheer a lot," Jones said.

Cheering at football and basketball games was one of Jones' favorite things to do as a cheerleader.

"I liked to cheer at the games because it is easier for me to understand what goes on, and it's fun to be with my friends and lead cheers," Jones said.

The freshmen cheerleading squad had a great outcome, and so did Jones.



Cheering with a lot of spirit are freshmen cheerleaders Lydia Worobec and Paige Jones. "My favorite cheer is "Mustang Power" because the crowd always gets a lot into the game," freshman Paige Jones said.
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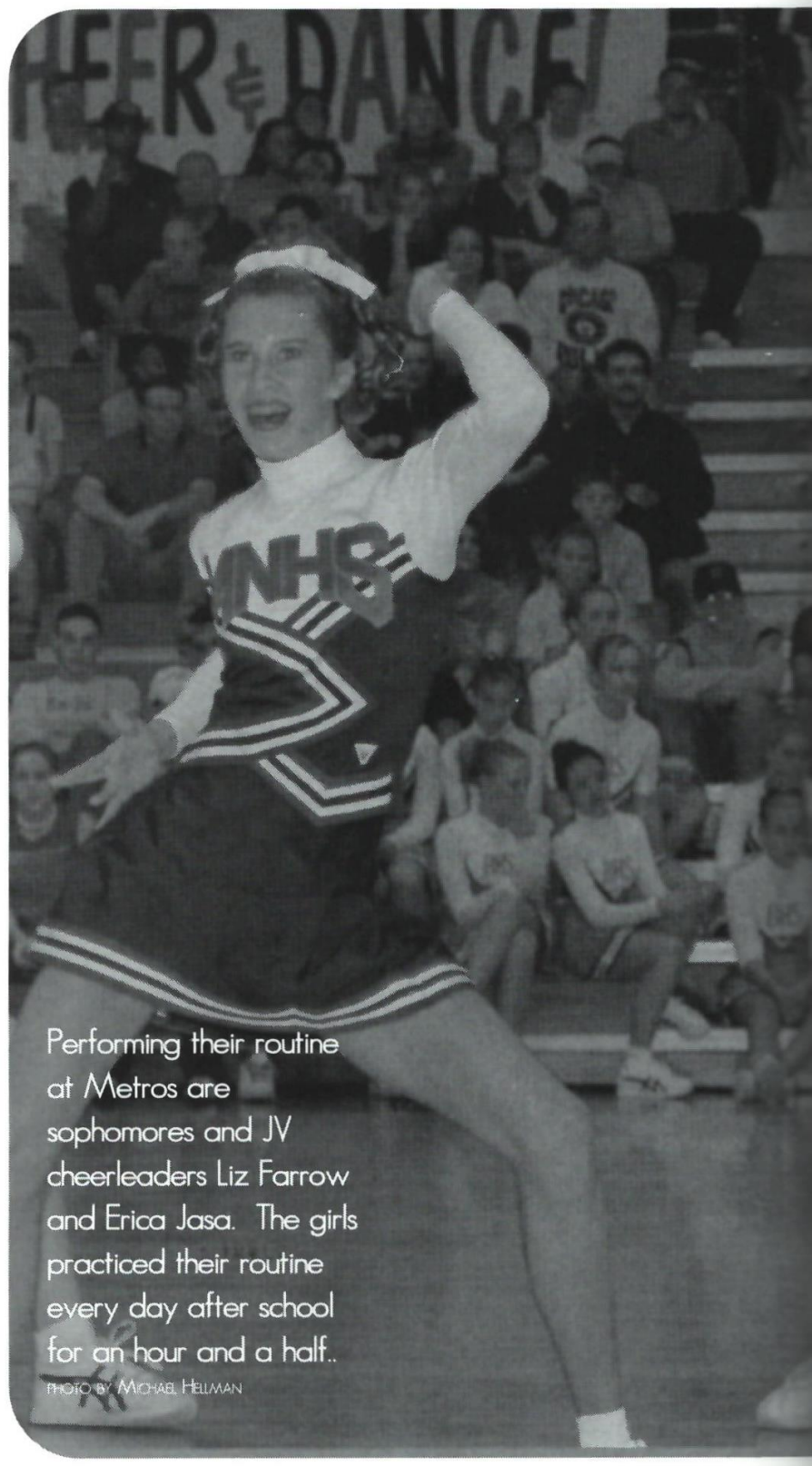

Performing their routine at Metros are sophomores and JV cheerleaders Liz Farrow and Erica Jasa. The girls practiced their routine every day after school for an hour and a half..
PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

In Depth

Sophomore and JV cheerleader, Kimmy Smith, had an outgoing personality with tons of school spirit. She liked being a cheerleader and being one impacted her life a lot.

"I like being a cheerleading because it gives me more school spirit and I made great friends from the squad," Smith said.

Cheerleading was not only a good way to make friends, it left the girls a lot of memories in the end.

"I love being with all my great friends on the squad. We've had fun times together by hanging out and having squad nights."

bring it

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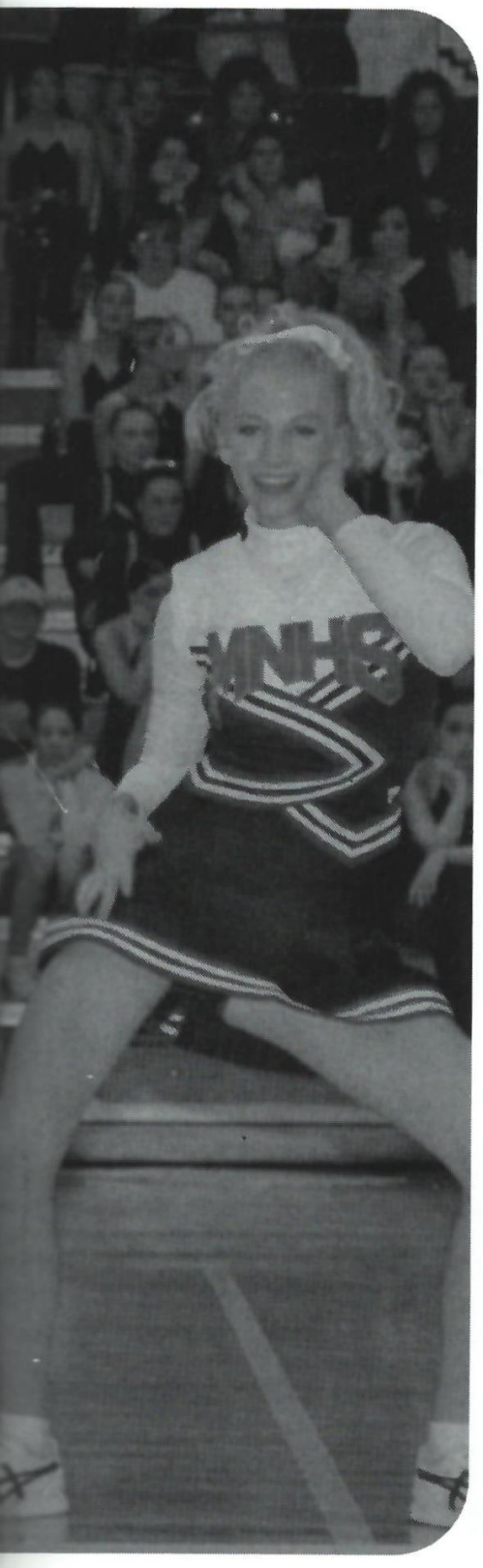

Cheering during a freshmen basketball game are freshmen Megan Carmean and Lindsey Calvin. The cheers were motivational for all of the players because it gave them more determination to do well. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

focus on cheerleading

pages by Jennifer Cooper

Wherever anyone was after school, he or she could hear the loud and powerful spirits of cheerleaders.

"This year was challenging because we had to balance out the sophomore and JV games, and practice for Metros," sophomore **Kristi Vrtiska** said.

The girls on the JV and freshmen cheerleading squads placed second at Metros at Elkhorn High School.

Both squads had a lot of fun being together.

"Cheerleading was a good way to make friends," freshman **Megan Carmean** said.

Cheerleading also gave the girls a lot of memories.

"My best memory was cheerleading camp because it was a lot of fun, and we bonded a lot," sophomore **Gina Urich** said.

Performing at Metros are freshmen cheerleaders Carrie Wattenhofer, Jenny Greene, and Allie Whitehill. In the past, freshmen had placed in the top three places at Metros. This made them feel pressured to do well.
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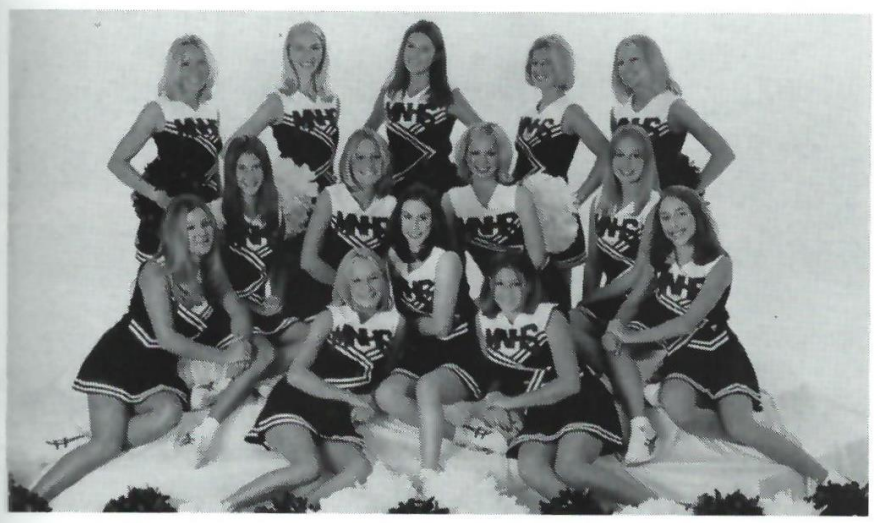


Freshmen Cheerleading: front - Lydia Worobec, Lindsey Calvin, Megan Carmean; ***second*** - Kari Anderson, Paige Jones, Allie Whitehill, Brittany Sukiennik; ***back*** - Carrie Wattenhofer, Jennifer Greene, Traci Stanek, Alexis Freeman, Erin Demarco
PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

Junior Varsity Cheerleading: front row-Jessica Gould, Kara Bowen, Sarah Edelstein, Alycia Barohn, Kristi Vrtiska; ***second row***-Liz Farrow, Corinne Shields, Nattalie Connel, Kimmy Smith; ***back***-Rosanna Eby, Erica Jasa, Gina Urich, Paige Frasier, Julie Molacek PHOTO BY DEYO PHOTOGRAPHY

senior
Wendy Robertson

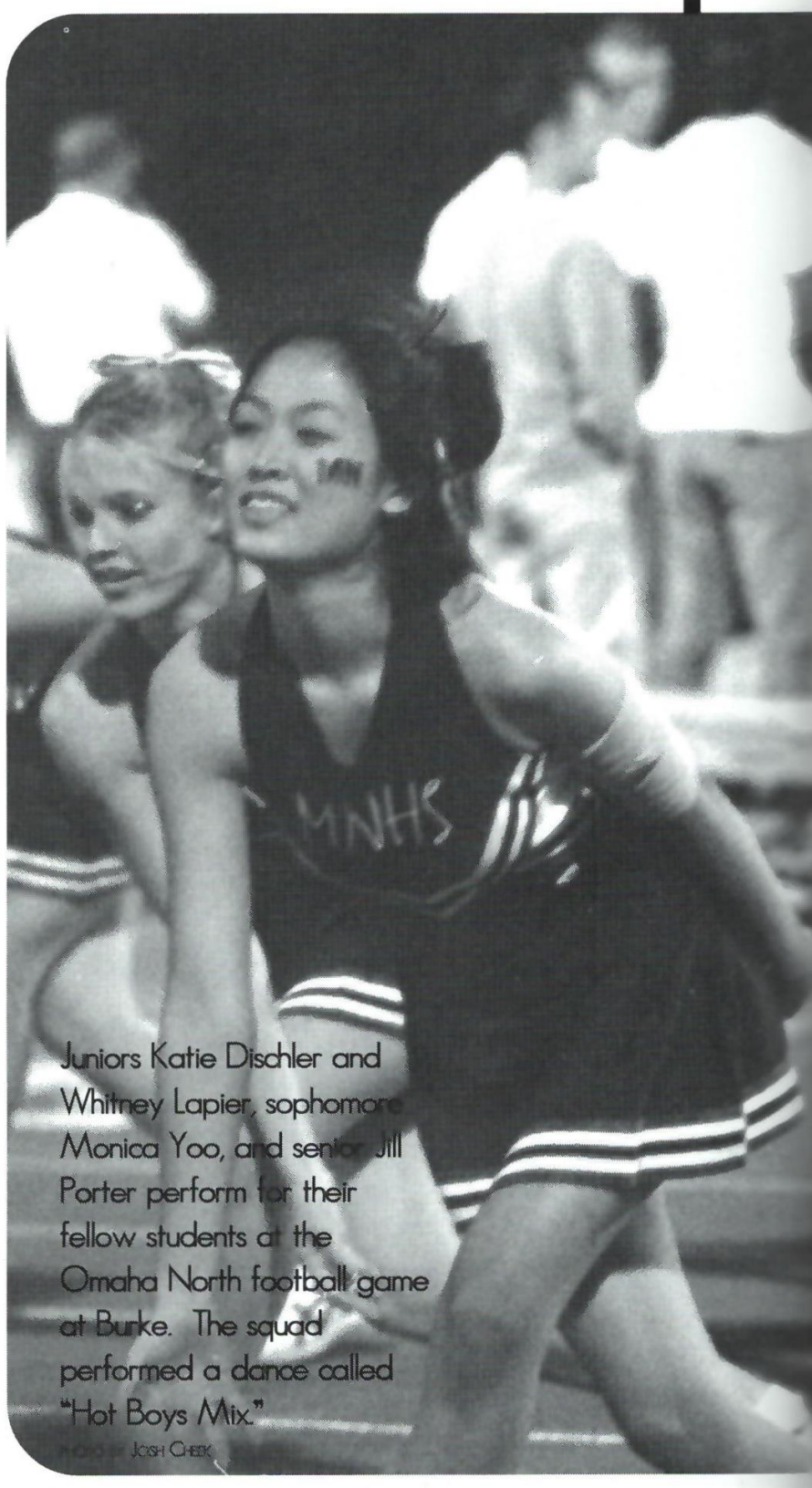
In depth

Senior Wendy Robertson had many strengths as an individual and as a teammate. She was on both colorguard and winter colorguard for three years and she definitely knew what it took to be successful.

"I had a good work ethic, and so did our team. We worked our rear ends off to get things done before individual and team deadlines that we had set for ourselves," Robertson said.

The greatest memory was receiving a second place award at state, even though they hadn't won as they'd hoped.

kick and stomp



Juniors Katie Dischler and Whitney Lapier, sophomore Monica Yoo, and senior Jill Porter perform for their fellow students at the Omaha North football game at Burke. The squad performed a dance called "Hot Boys Mix."
PHOTO BY JOSH CHEEK

camp memories

as recalled by **captain** Jill Porter

Camp was a beneficial time of bonding, laughter, and fun, but also hard work. While bonding, squad and big and little sister relationships became closer, and hard work allowed individuals to improve their skills. This helped the squad perform more difficult routines. There were struggles though.

"We went to camp without a sponsor and all of the responsibilities were put on Sam French and myself. As captains, we had to go to the sponsor seminars, and make the decisions that a sponsor normally would. This was hard because sometimes our team members didn't agree with us. At times there was some fighting, but everything worked out. On Crazy Day, we all wore hot pink shorts, different color sports bras, and blue or green bandanas. The nine new members of our squad wore diapers and bibs and they carried bottles. By the end of our week-long camp, we were all getting along great and to top that off, we won first place at the camp competition. Our win means a lot to me because of all the obstacles that we had overcome, and I am so proud to be a captain of such a fabulous squad," Porter said.

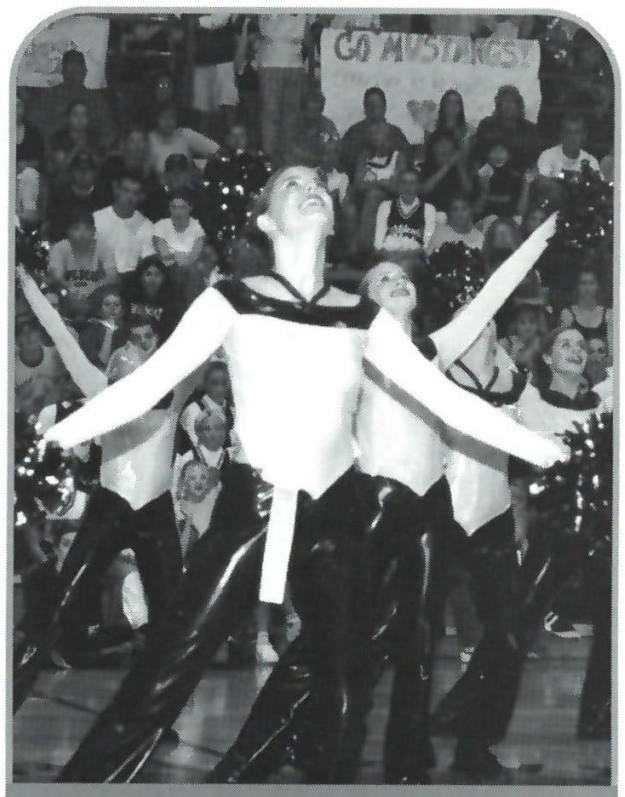
The dance team participates in a crazy day activity at dance camp. First year members and underclassmen on the squad were forced by veteran members to wear diapers and bibs.
PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY JEN COOPER

The dance team performs their national pom routine at a varsity boys basketball game. They practiced every day for at least two hours to prepare for Feb. 3 in Orlando at nationals, which earned them a third place finish. PHOTO BY JOSH CHEEK

bonding

"Our biggest struggle was living up to our own expectations."

-junior Abbie Cimino



Striking the finishing pose at Metros, is senior captain Sam French. The dance team was very successful at Metros, taking first overall with a perfect score. This was the second year in a row that they were named Metro Champions. PHOTO BY ASHLEY ROSENBOOM.

focus on *dance team*

pages by Lauren Banghart

With their seventh-place finish at nationals in January 2000, the new dance team had a high expectation to live up to.

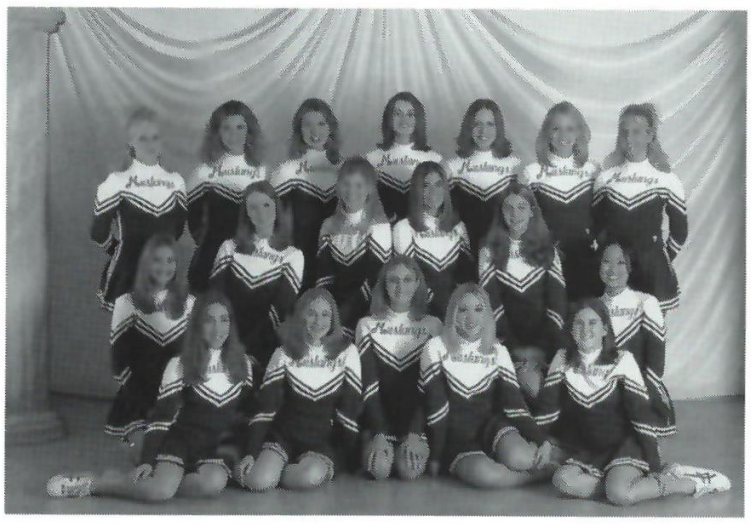
"Since I was a new freshman, I sometimes felt intimidated around the older girls, and I didn't want to let them down by not living up to their standards, but I always worked hard," freshmen **Jolie Johnson** said.

The squad proved they were the best when named Metro champions.

"Technically we excelled, emotionally we grew closer, and individually we became stronger," junior **Abbie Cimino** said.

After winning Metros the dance team worked very hard, so it would perform well at nationals and state.

"Nationals was awesome because we bonded together, and our pom dance received third. I also enjoyed becoming state champions again," junior **Kyla Bauer** said.



Dance Team: front – Jennifer Cooper, Jenny Finkle , Lauren Errico, Krista Dahlberg, Kyla Bauer; ***second row***–Lindsey Schaffer, Abbie Cimino, Jill Porter, Sam French, Krystal Nabity, Monica Yoo; ***back*** –Ashley Dokken, Jolie Johnson, Ashley Borchers, Katie Dischler, Amber Bailey, Whitney Lapier, Jenny Hoefener PHOTO BY DEYO'S PHOTOGRAPHY

Winter Colorguard: front –Allison Martinez, Kristen Clark, Ashley Mckinniss; ***second row***–Laura Dowell, Susan Gebhardt, Lindy Grady, Alisha Sandy, Laura Arndt; ***back***– Alison Winkler, Jessica Benes, Rebecca Whitmore, Kelly Uithoven, Tiffany Stiles, Jeanette Bossard, Wendy Robertson, Jenny Dembowski PHOTO BY CANDICE KELLOGG

Colorguard: front –Ashley Mckinniss, Wendy Robertson, Amanda Peck, Jenny Dembowski, Alison Winkler; ***back***– Alisha Sandy, Allison Martinez, Kristen Clark, Jeanette Bossard, Lindy Graver, Susan Gebhardt

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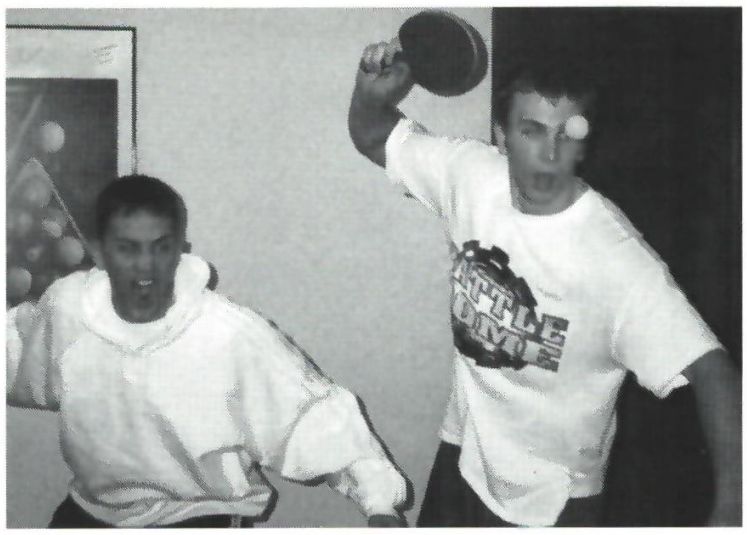


Playing an intense game of ping-pong are seniors Jameson Gardiner and Troy Grover. They got together to play at least once every week. PHOTO BY JOSH CHEEK

a chance to compete

elite leader

Cheerleading for Millard North required a tremendous amount of dedication and time.

Senior Leah Moreno managed not only to cheer for her school, but she joined the elite cheerleading squad as well.

"I put about 15 to 20 hours a week in cheerleading alone. It got hard to balance school at the same time, but I usually did okay."

Moreno began cheering when she was a sophomore. She chose to pick up elite cheer because it is more competitive and challenging than school cheer.

"Elite did more tumbles and stunts than school cheer. We got to travel all over the place as well. We went to St. Louis and Dallas to compete in nationwide tournaments."

Senior Leah Moreno cheers for her elite cheer team. Moreno cheered for both the school and for elite PHOTO BY JOSH CHEEK

Seniors Andy Pederson and Bobby Schneider go all out at rugby practice. Both became the captains of the team. PHOTO BY JOSH CHEEK

In depth

Andy Pederson has been playing through the pain and punishment of rugby for the past two years. The senior has endured many bumps and bruises, but always gets back up.

"I've been kicked in the face, cleated, and sprained my ankle, but nothing serious enough to keep me from playing."

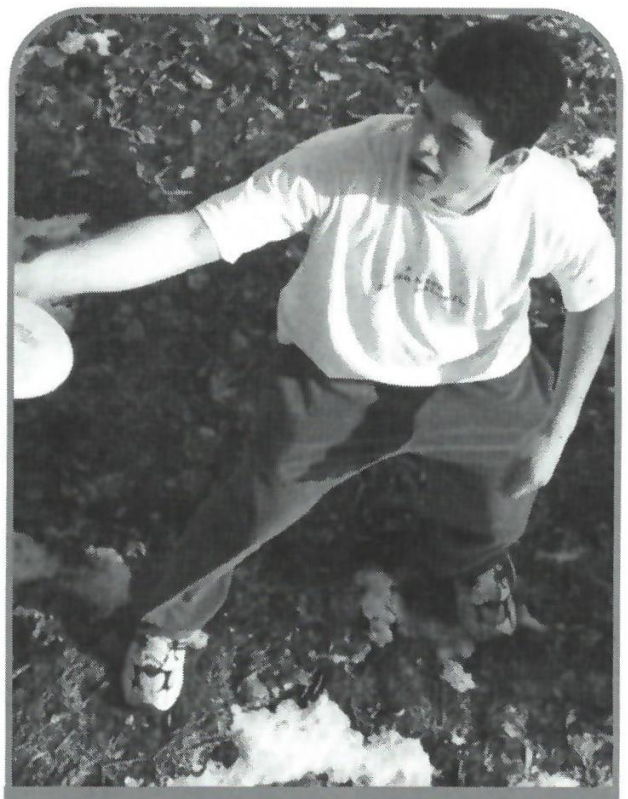
Pederson plans to attend the University of Nebraska at Lincoln next year where he will play for the rugby squad.

"It will be fun to play next year against teams from all over."

Getting ready for her kick-boxing practice is sophomore Kelli Conway. She started the sport to challenge her abilities . PHOTO BY ERIK PULVERENTI

"A chance to be outside competing against others is all I could ask for."

-senior Adam Freeman



Senior Adam Freeman displays how to throw a disc while playing a round of frolf. He was known to be the best frolfer in all of Millard North.
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focus on

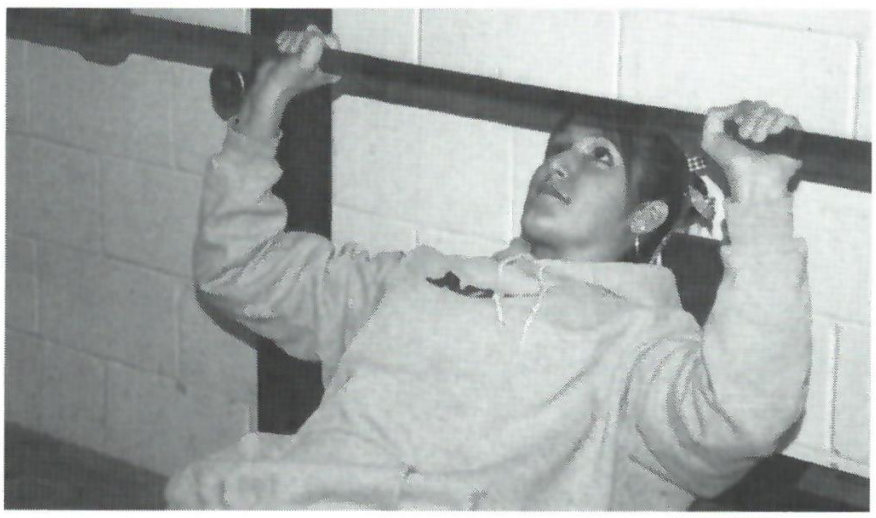
pages by Erik Pulverenti

Many students fulfilled their athletic ambitions through some of the more unique sports. Although most of these sports were not sanctioned by the school, the competitive spirit was as high as ever.

Ranging from the fierce combat of rugby to the finesse of bowling, the athletes proved that Mustang pride was important for all athletic competitions. Through these alternative sports, athletes were able to showcase their talents and have a good time.

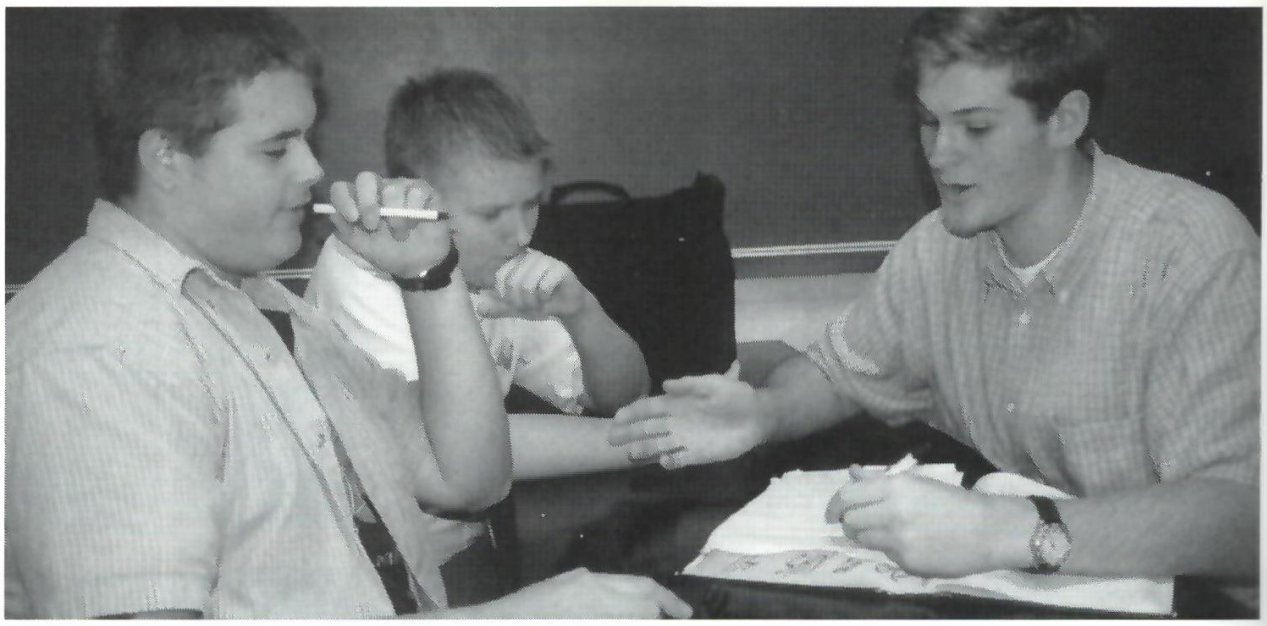
Athletes of all kinds enjoyed sports as a pastime, regardless of whether it was for recreation or high competition.

alternative sports



Freshman Heather Duncan presses to get another repetition in. She lifted multiple times a week in her cross training class. PHOTO BY JOSH CHEEK

Senior Cam Duncan, junior Scott Mendick, senior Matt Cameron, and junior Matt Hallberg await the beginning of their hockey game. The four of them played for the Junior Lancers. PHOTO BY JOSH CHEEK



Reviewing
in chemistry class are juniors Mark Antonson, Paul Guiliano, and Doug Johnson. Students worked together to review for upcoming quizzes and tests.

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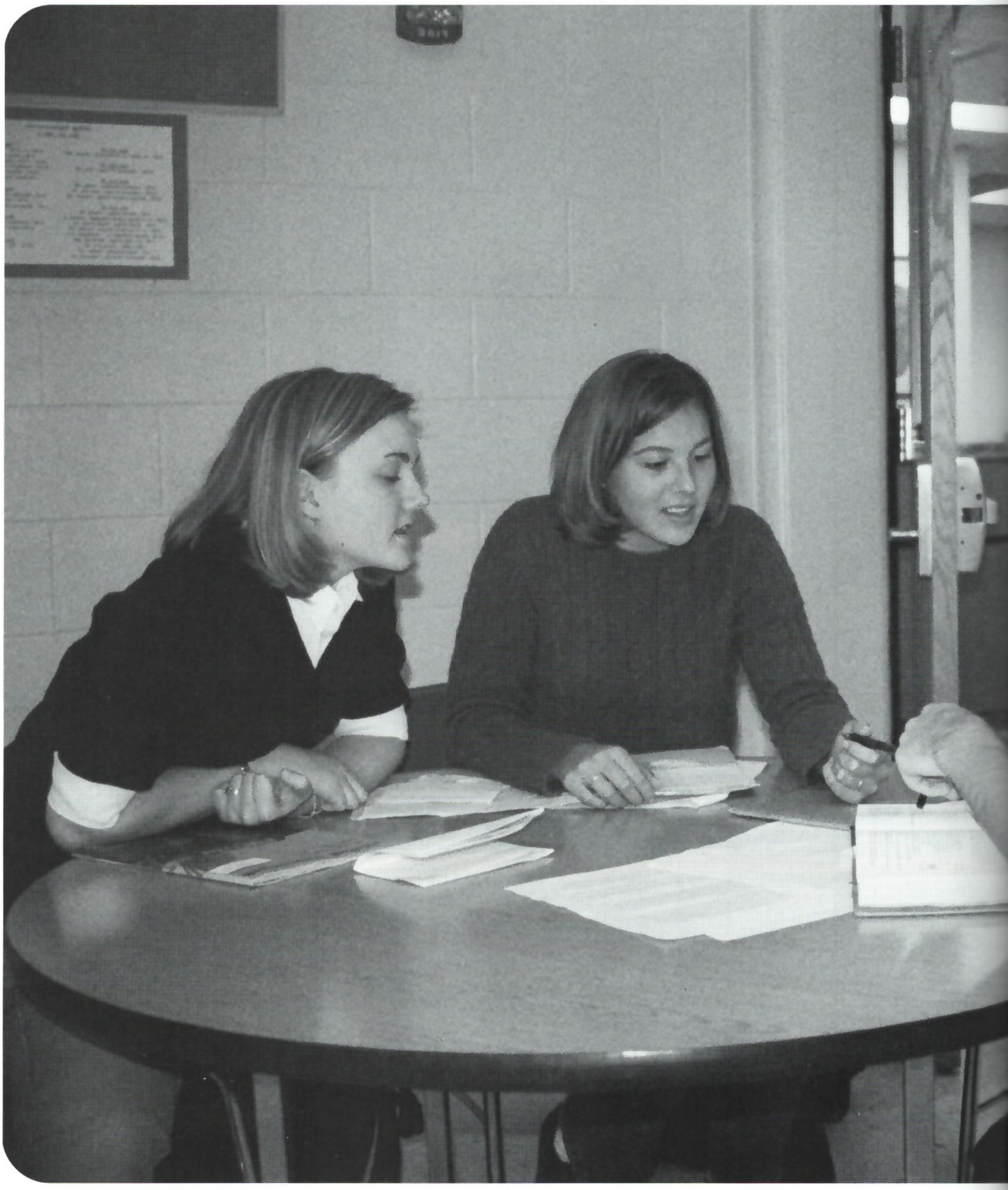

During
an off-hour, seniors Amy Schmidt, Kellie Ohrt, and Dimitri Adloff work together on homework. Students used their free periods to help each other on homework.

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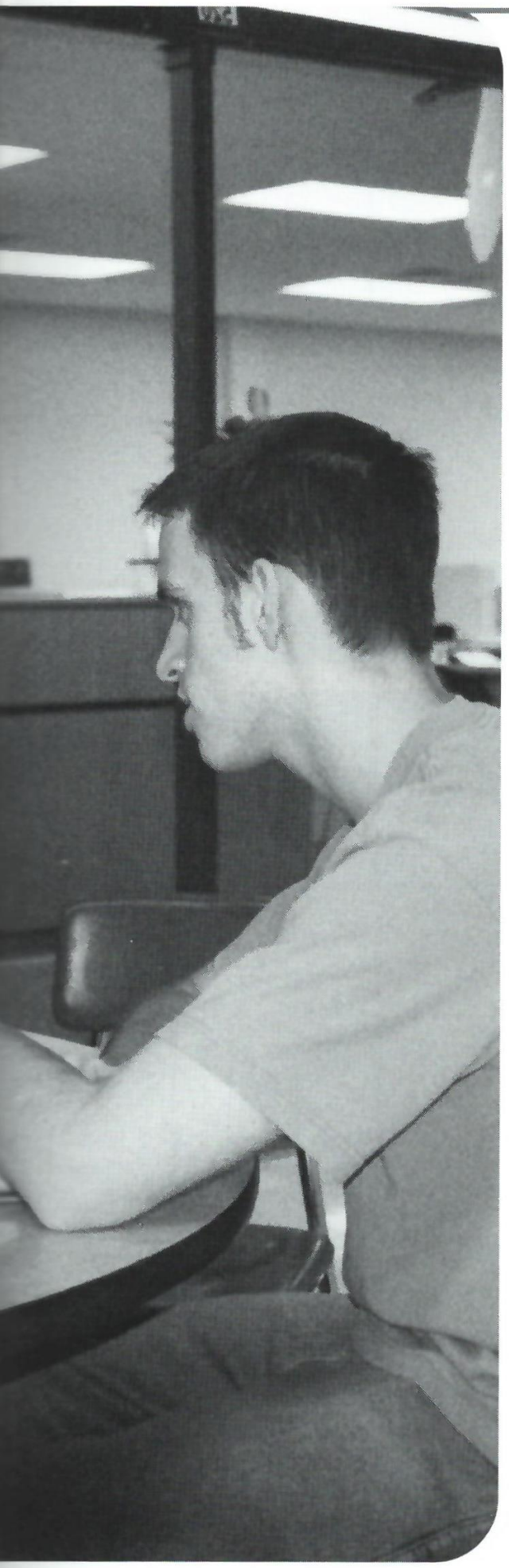
Academics

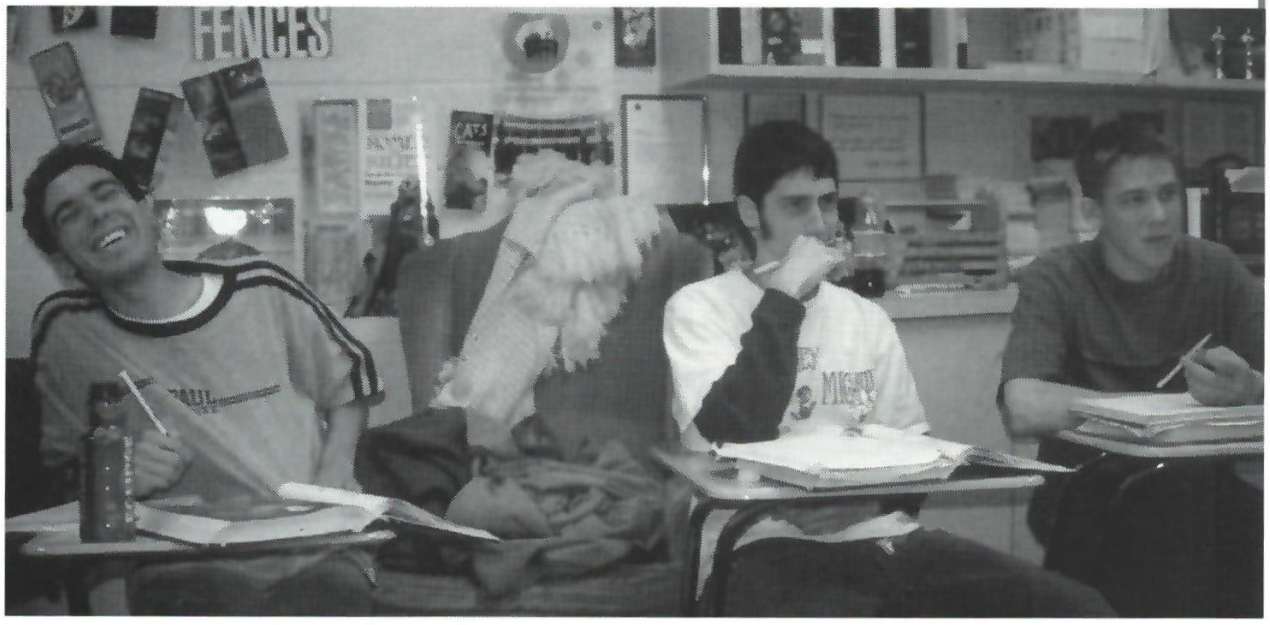
LOUD Achievement

by Megan Claus and Linsey Armbrust



A vibrant staff and student body declared MN a great school. But, the one thing that made it stand above the rest was its academic achievement and national reputation as a highly accomplished school.

Freshly remodeled classrooms, a creative staff, and new classes gave students extra encouragement to excel in their work. Something must have worked because the overall accomplishments were seen loudly through the ending results.



Participating in English Literature class are senior Jerry Carreon, juniors Yoni Drazen, and Kyle Anderson. Class discussions centered on the tragedy of *Macbeth*.

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Juniors Kevin O'Driscoll, Jenny Paskatch, Katrina Cherney, Diane Johansen, Megan Poppens, and Ashley Jessick pose in front of the Kennedy Memorial. Places to visit in D. C. ranged from museums to the zoo. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY DIANE JOHANSEN

Holding their national awards at the National High School Journalism Convention in Kansas City are juniors Krystal Overmyer and Michael Bruntz. Krystal received an Excellent in editorial writing, Michael received and Honorable Mention in sports writing. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY LINDSEY PARKYNS

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Lindsey Dame

get out of class

Choosing a bowling ball at Cougar Lanes is junior Julie Rosenbaugh. Lifetime Fitness classes got the chance to expand their learning of alternative sports through field trips.
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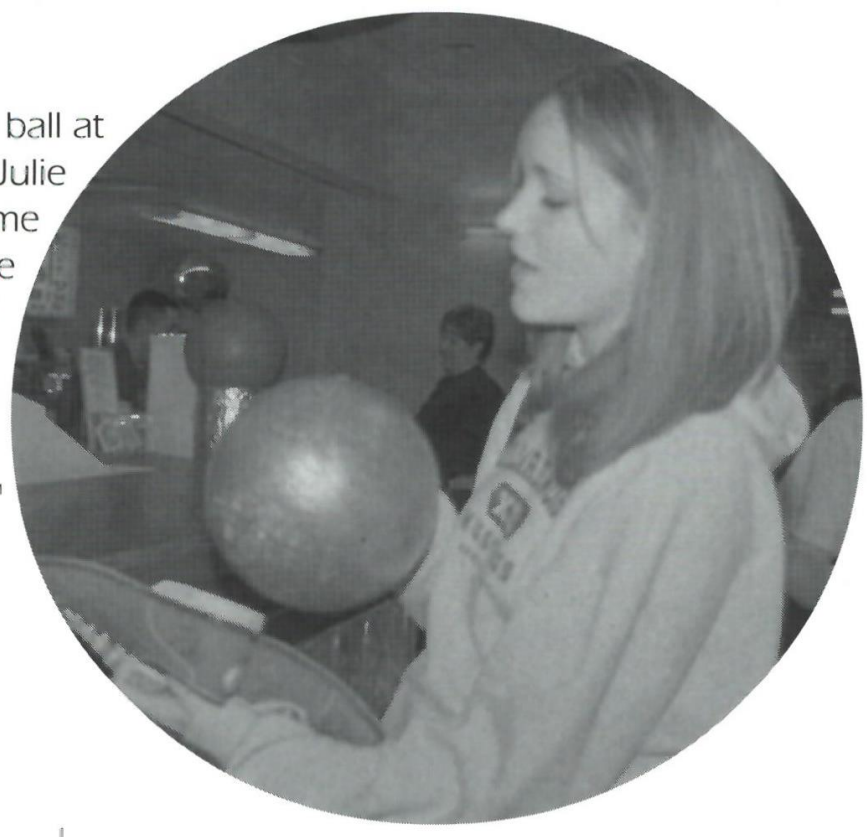

Toolbox

Life on a school bus

Speak up

Jill Robeson
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- sack lunches
- yelling children
- gum stuck under the seats
- backpacks

Some students looked upon field trips as childish and from the days of elementary school, but others jumped at the chance to leave the bland and monotonous routines of their day.

Junior **Diane Johansen** was excited when she got the chance to go to Washington D.C. Students from social studies teachers **Terry Eicher**'s and Maureen Konwinski's advanced placement American history classes were eligible to go.

"Field trips are an added bonus. You learn in the classroom from books and discussions, but going on a field trip is a hands-on experience," Johansen said.

Although most trips were taken during school, some were overnight stays in different cities. Most of these trips were for conventions and conferences.

"The point of the DECA field trip to Milwaukee was to teach us about DECA and to be involved with all the other states in the region," junior **Shawn Peterson** said.

Field trips were not only beneficial for learning. They also provided students an opportunity to see new places, experience new cultures, continue making friendships, and of course, miss a day of school.

Decorating the Christmas tree at the Lydia House is junior Shawn Peterson. Along with DECA, Peterson traveled around the midwest to conventions and participated in service projects.
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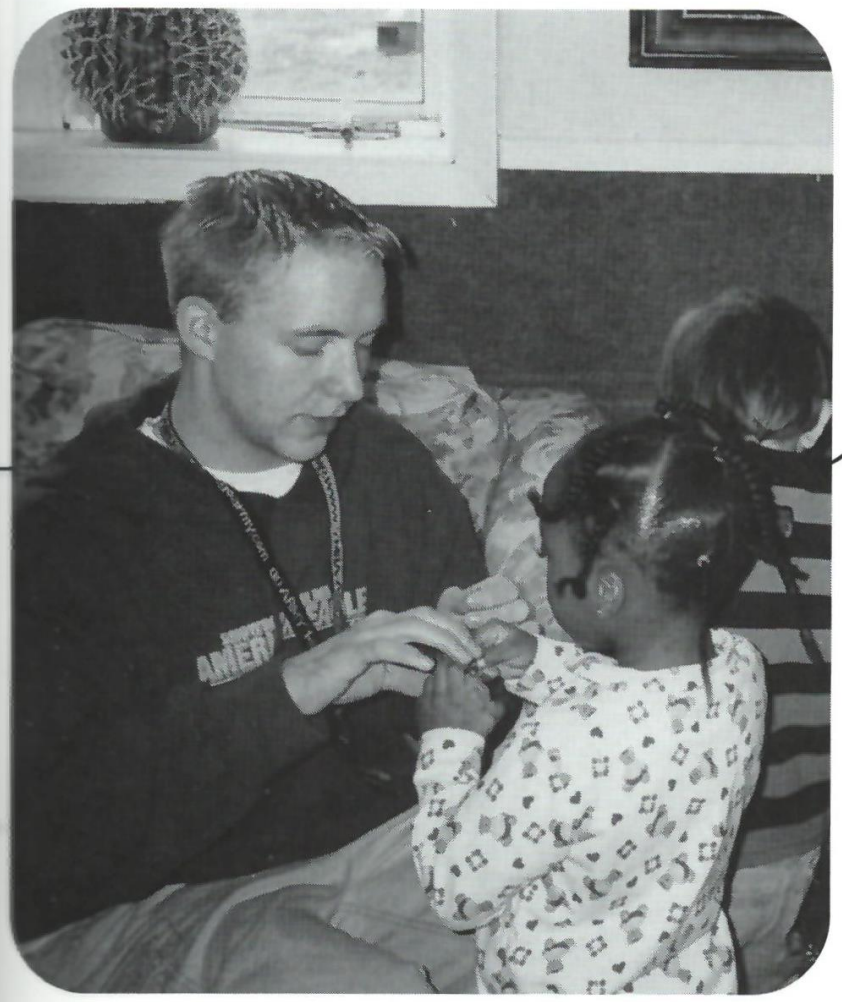

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advice From

Before going on a field trip, it's always nice to know a little bit about your destination. Also make sure to bring a camera, so you don't miss any moments.

Kate Koerton
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Eating at the Cheesecake Factory in Kansas City, MO are seniors Megan Claus, Lindsey Parkyns, junior Ashley Rohrig, and senior Linsey Armbrust. The four strolled the Plaza during their free time while attending the National High School Journalism Convention, Nov. 16-19. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY LINDSEY PARKYNS

Sophomore Sam Meister and freshman Laura Volentine practice the French Horn in band class. Both girls have been playing this instrument since seventh grade PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

Seniors Diana Larson, Lindsey Solomon, and Nicky Wagelie practice a piece called "Last words with David" in chorus. They performed this song in a clinic at Millard South. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

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Jen Neuberger

making MUSIC

Sophomore Jeff Hall writes music for his band, The Isolated. Hall and the other band members, juniors Nic Swierlell and Yoni Drazen started practicing in October of 2000.
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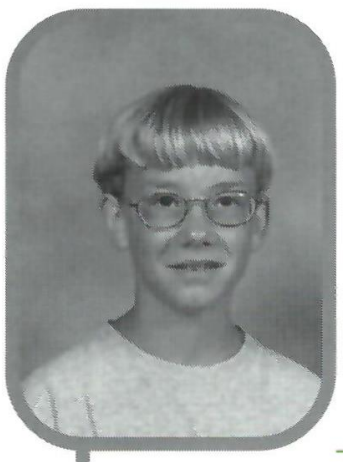

Toolbox

Life inside a music folder

Speak up

Jason Burke
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- many pieces of music
- music Book
- pencil for marking music
- practice Sheet

Whether in classrooms, concert halls, cars or homes music changed the direction of life.

"I practice about two hours a week in addition to my class at school and my hour-long private lesson. Even though it takes a lot of my time, I hope it will pay off at concerts and districts." sophomore orchestra student **Kristin Rose** said.

For many, a favorite thing about being involved in the music program was getting to go on field trips.

"Last year the band went to Florida and played in a parade. That was really fun because it was a new experience" sophomore **Sean Severson** said.

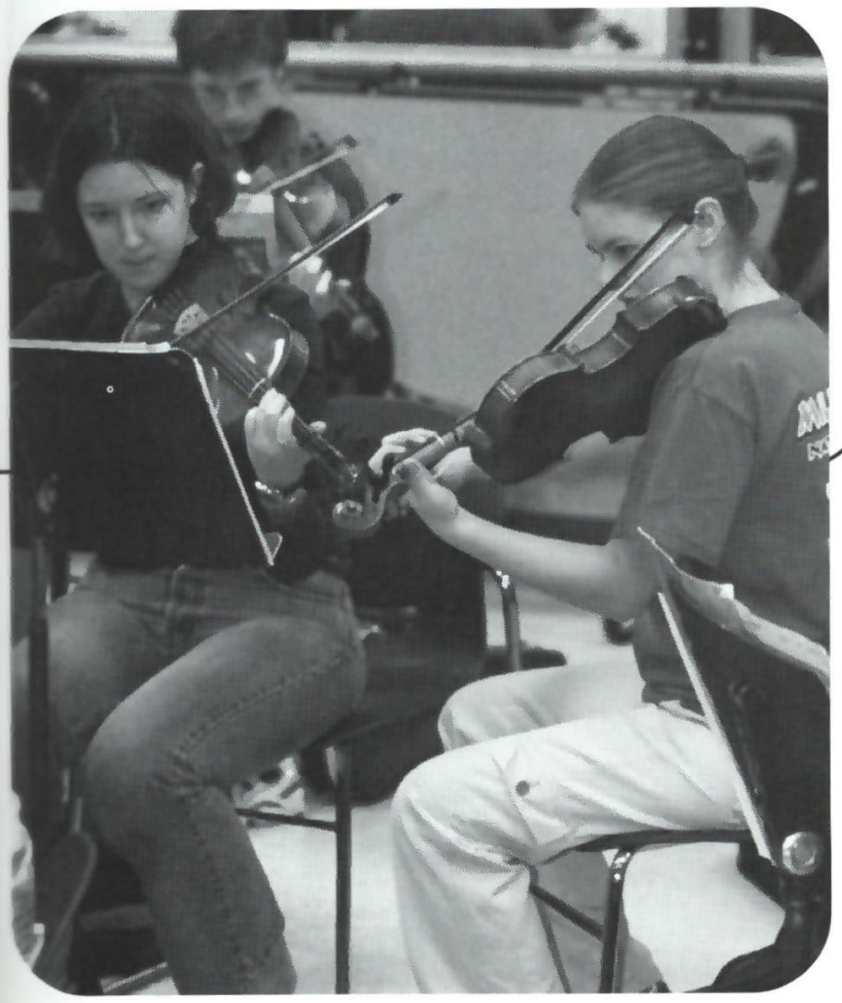
"This year the orchestra gets to go to Chicago, and that will be really exiting. We get to play a concert and just visit the city," Rose said.

The music programs helped some students feel as if they belonged.

"Band creates so many opportunities for everyone who is involved. I have made lifelong friends and also gained so much knowledge about music," senior **Audrey Tapprich** said.

Music was an important part of life for many students and provided opportunities that weren't otherwise possible.

Juniors Lori Neal and Jessi Schaffer practice for a concert during orchestra class. The Orchestra also went to Chicago to get a taste of the professional arts. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN



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Every day in chorus we do three warmups. The first is just singing "do re mi." Another is when we sing a series of musical pitches, and the final warmup is just a scale.

Ashlee Janes
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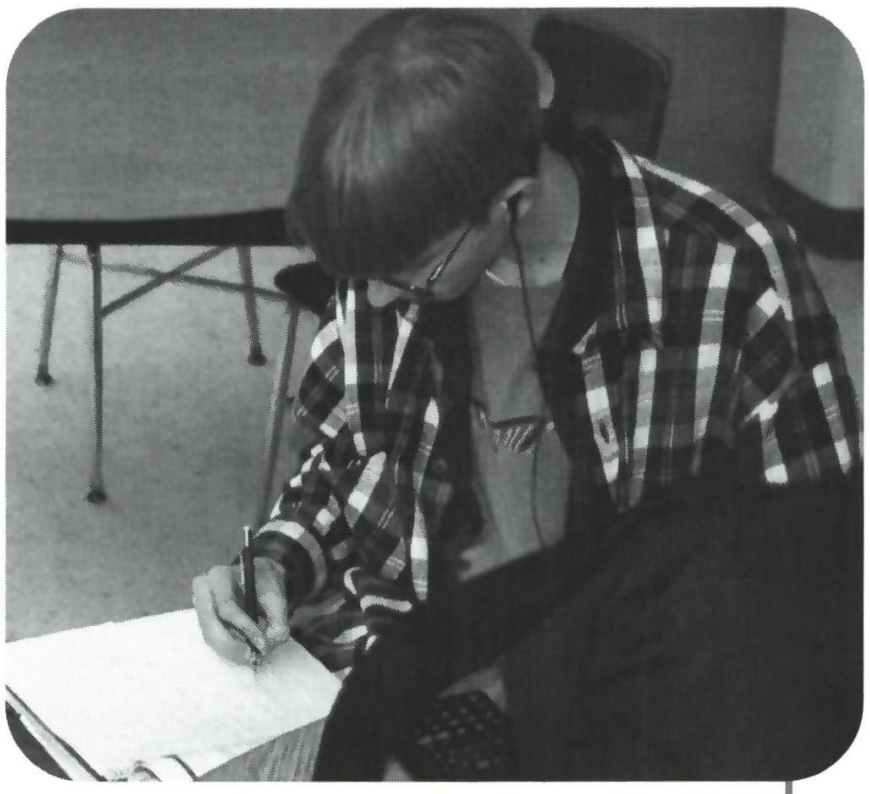
Juniors Tim Greenup, Corey Barnes, Brent Urhig and sophomore John Claus practice for their band. Splitlobe formed in the fall of 2000 and performed shows at the Asylum and Ranch Bowl with other local bands. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN



During fourth hour, senior Pete Hospodka does some last minute studying for an AP physics test. Hospodka said that students need to review your notes a lot to understand the material and do well on each exam. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

Senior Tara Dinslage takes a personality quiz from *Seventeen* magazine. Dinslage said that taking personality tests was a good way to learn a little bit about herself. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

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Alyson Carstens

need to Study

Junior Regina O'Rear glances over her low test grade. O'Rear said that if she doesn't study, there is a good chance that she'll get a low test score. Learning her lesson O'Rear said, "From now on I will study!" PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

Toolbox

Life inside a test

Speak up

Jenny Ploughman
12

- true/false questions
- essay questions
- multiple choice questions
- fill-in-the-blank questions

Junior Matt Mitchell and senior Jessica Schroeder take a test during fourth hour AP calculus. Some consider AP caluclus the hardest class in school because of the constant homework and difficult tests. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

Tests. They were a part of life. It gave teachers and counselors a chance to evaluate what students had learned, and what they needed to work on.

"I like to give pop quizzes to my math students. Although the kids hate them, it allows me to see who knows the material and who needs help," math teacher **Donn Kasner** said.

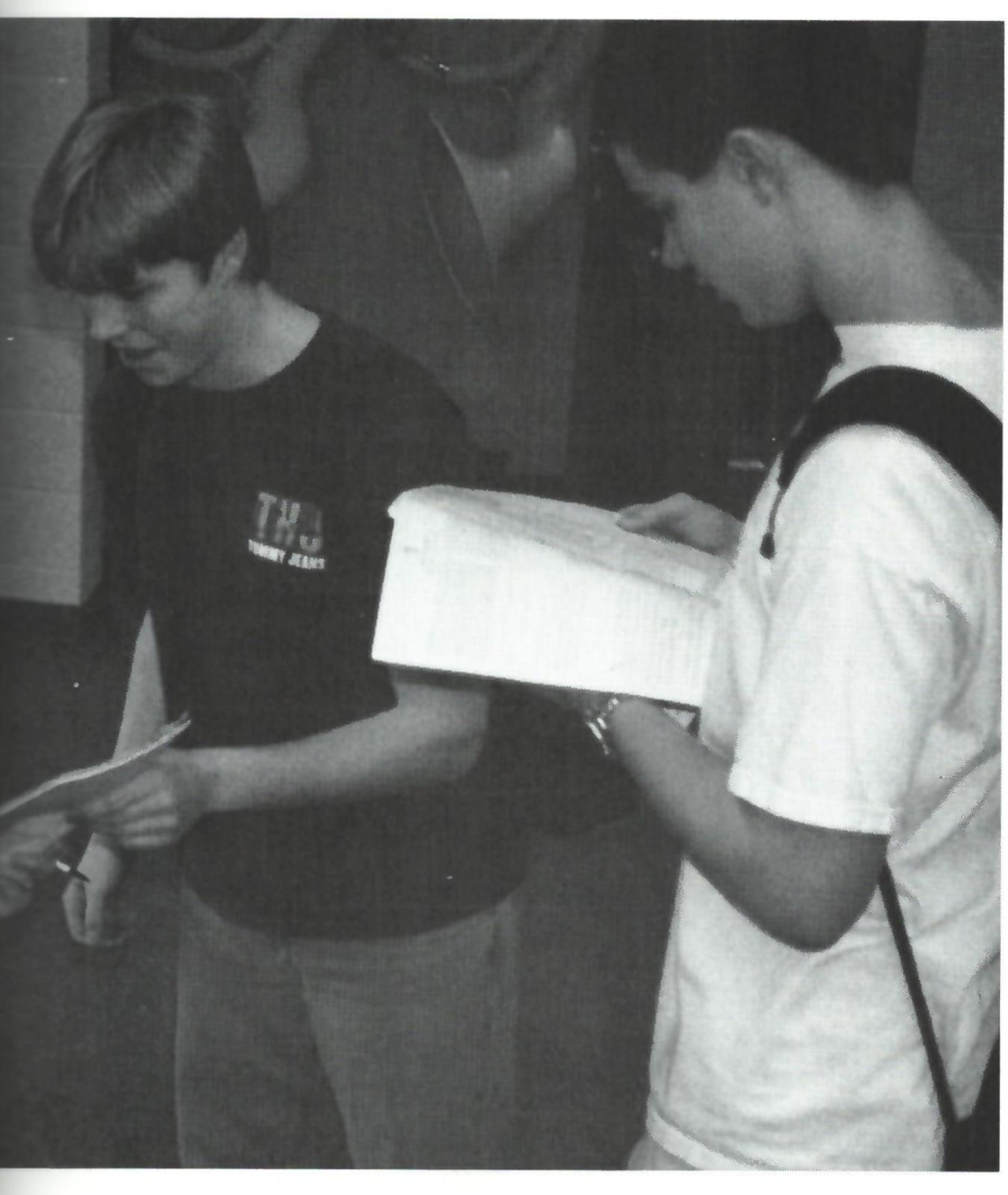
For most students, tests were stressful when they didn't understand what they were doing, and if they had a lot of tests on the same day.

"I hate to take tests, especially essay questions. If you forget to study, and you don't know what you are doing, it makes it worse," sophomore **Kyle Linbo** said.

Not only were teenagers tested in school, but some students took driving tests and college entrance exams.

"For me to get my permit, I had to take a driving test. Before I went to the Department of Motor Vehicles, I had my friends tell me what to study, and I looked at my driver's manual," sophomore **Allie Willensky** said.

Although tests were dreaded, MN students usually were high achievers. The school district was ranked number one out of the 10 largest schools in academics, in three out of six categories: reading, elementary math, and middle school math by the *Omaha World Herald*.



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"When taking tests, take your time and read each question carefully. Sometimes teachers have trick questions, and you can miss an easy one if you go too fast."

Michael Bandemer

Counselor Bev Johnson and sophomores Cody Butt, and MaKyle Cole analyze their ACT tests scores in the band room. Sophomores were given the opportunity to take achievement tests a year early if they had a high grade point average. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

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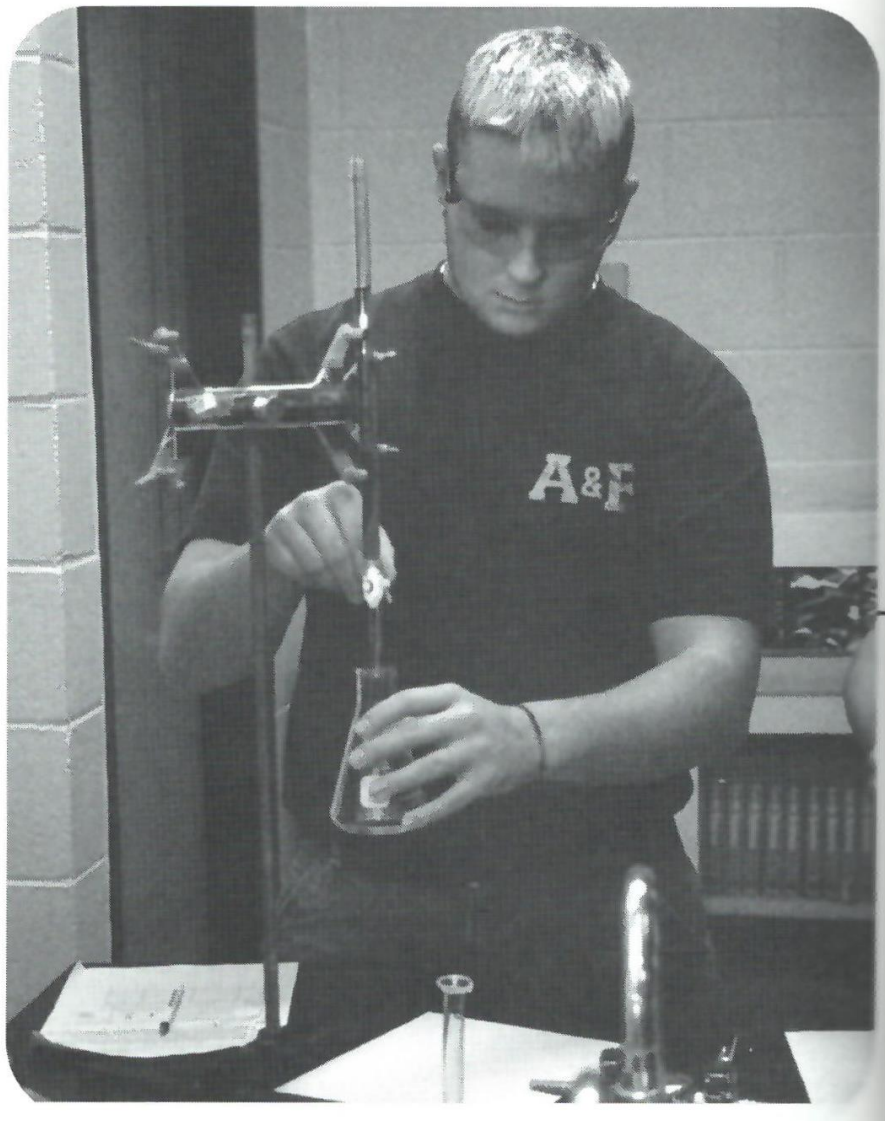
Sarah Johnson

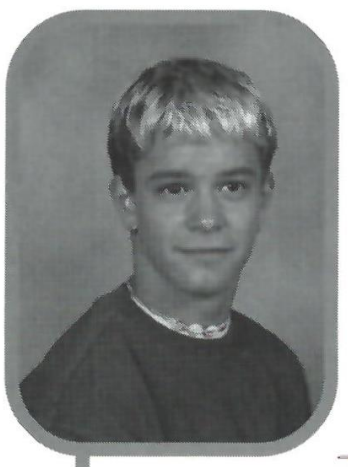
hands on learning

Working on a lettering project for commercial art class is junior Mike Hinckley. Students agreed that lab classrooms provided an open environment better for learning and processing information. PHOTO BY JOSH CHEEK

Junior Ben Copeland experiments during a lab in chemistry class. Chemistry students performed a lab approximately once every week. PHOTO BY JOSH CHEEK



Senior James Doke uses computer technology during a lab in drafting class. The class was exploring the many different possibilities of drafting. PHOTO BY JOSH CHEEK



Speak up

Cody Peratt

Toolbox

Life inside a lab coat

- safety goggles
- magnifying glass
- calculator
- pocket protector

Teachers and administrators worked to adopt creative learning environments to help students absorb information. For most students, lab classrooms provided an opportunity to break from traditional classrooms and experience hands-on learning.

"Lab classrooms teach you how to manage your time and that helps to get projects done faster," senior **Adam Knudsen** said.

However, not all students agreed that lab classrooms were helpful with the learning process.

"Hands on learning does provide a more relaxed environment; unfortunately, the irresponsible student can become complacent and not study or pay attention," senior **Mark Kitchell** said.

Teachers agreed that lab classrooms can benefit certain kinds of learners. Unfortunately, hands-on learning environments required a lot more work for everyone, especially teachers in order to be prepared beforehand and clean up at the end of the lesson.

"The most important thing to remember is that class participation is vital in order to be successful and gain something from the class," teacher **Mirm Tredway** said.

Industrial Technology teacher Bob Trauernicht and senior Ben Nelson converse while completing a lab in drafting class. Teachers and students commonly worked hand-in-hand during lab activities. PHOTO BY JOSH CHEEK

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Labs provided a break from everyday activity. They made the days go faster and were always something to look forward to.

Danielle Clapper
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Senior Sean Kroenke and junior Lindsay Marron work with family & consumer science teacher Robin Nelson during a lab in which the class made pasta. PHOTO BY JOSH CHEEK

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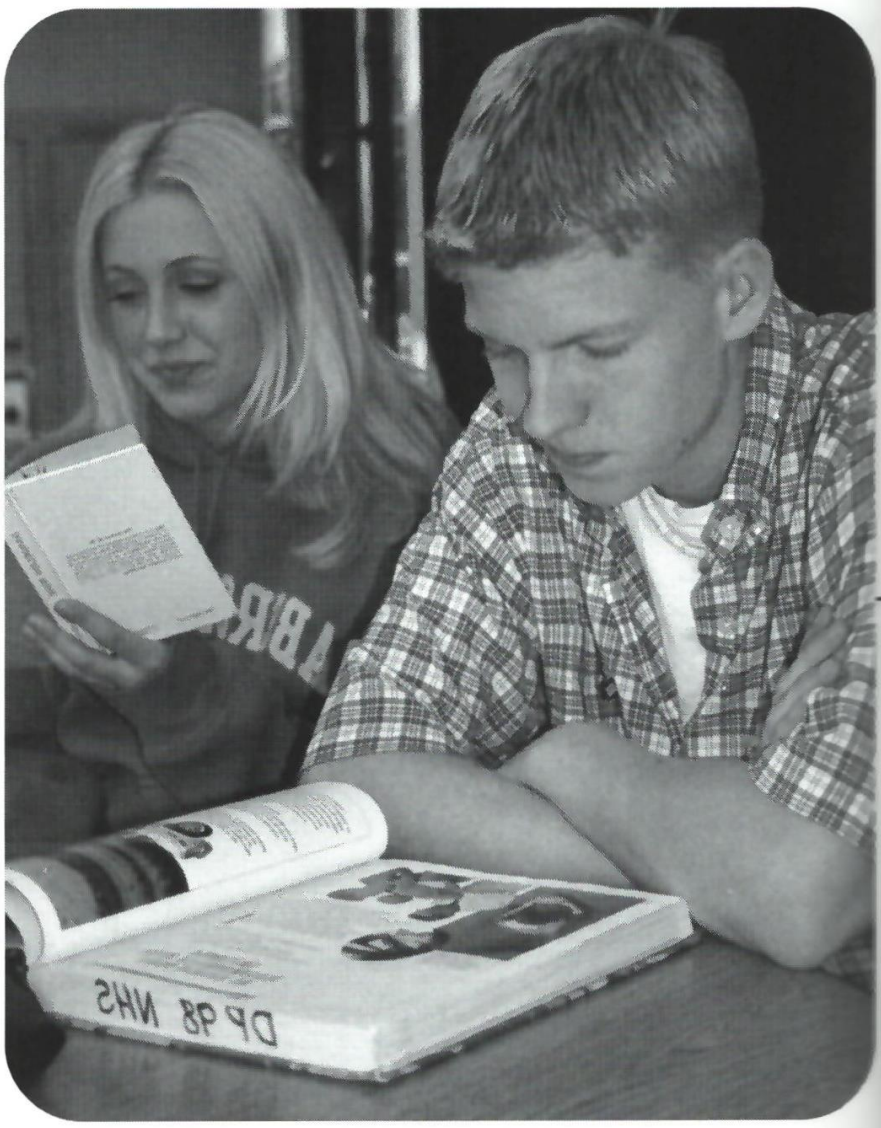
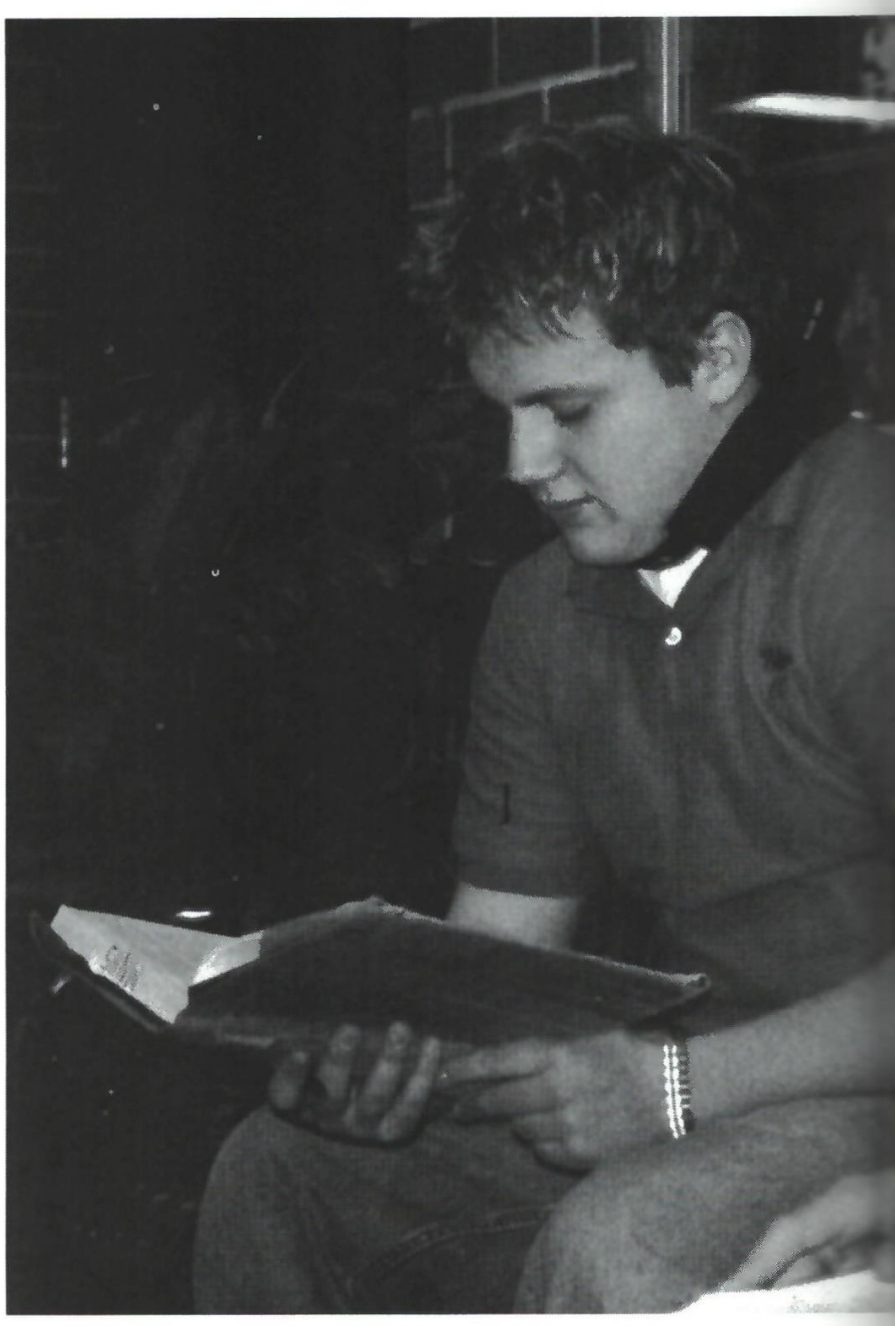
get it Finished

Senior Jim Hossack studies a chapter for math on the senior benches. It was the "cool" spot for seniors to spend free time.
PHOTO BY NATE MARQUISS

Junior Dave Montgomery studies for AP history during lunch for his sixth hour class. Dave said it was his hardest class. PHOTO BY NATE MARQUISS

Junior Allen Hughes and sophomore Sarah Lorsung sit in the cafeteria to study. Hughes finished his readings for his chemistry class during that time. PHOTO BY NATE MARQUISS





Toolbox

The life inside a pencil bag

Speak up

- mechanical pencils
- colored pencils
- protractor
- calculator

Melissa Bradley
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Students spent hours every night completing assignments and doing homework which helped them understand their studies better.

Junior **Becca Shaw** said math was the only subject worth having homework in, and that everything else should be optional and done for one's own benefit.

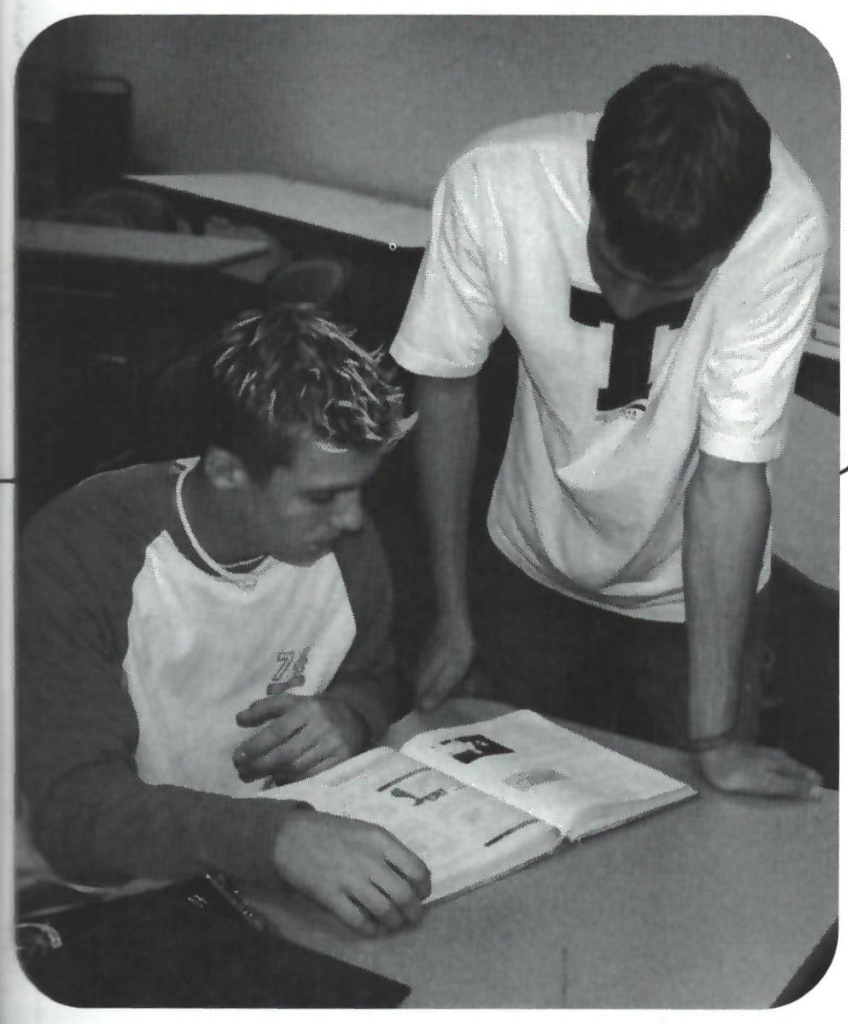
"Assignments that are in the math book are the best because the odd numbers are in the back of the book. The positive to doing homework is that doing it helps it stick in your head, but the negative is that it's really time consuming," Shaw said.

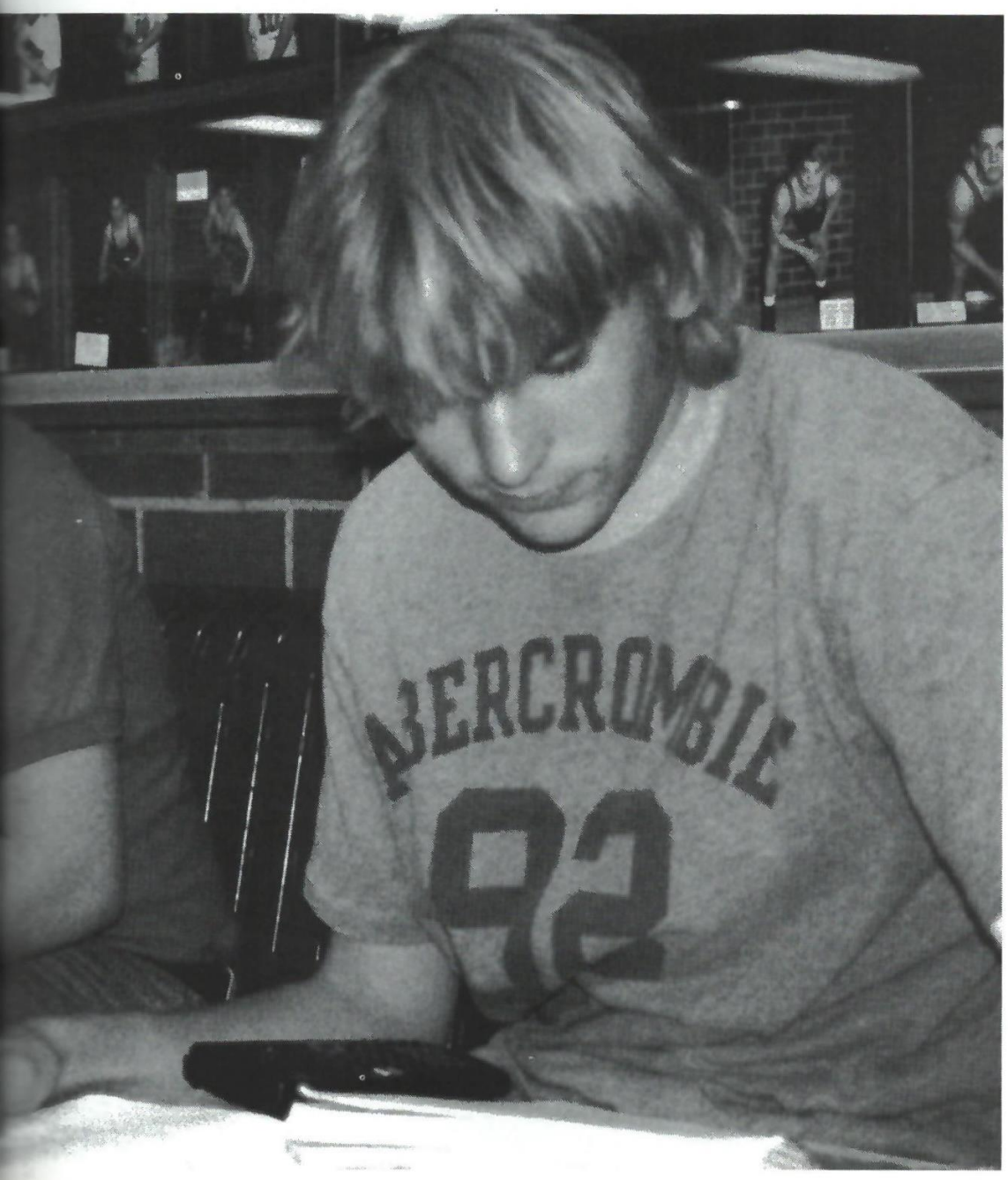
Others said it helped them understand the materials better.

"Homework was good because it often gave students extra practices for their learning. Sometimes teachers' lectures did not provide enough information for us to understand, so we needed homework. Worksheets were good also, because they required us to think more deeply," sophomore **Didi Lai** said.

Some homework was enjoyed, some was dreaded. However, the rewards were high for those who chose to follow through with it.

Juniors Joe Braun and James Johnson sit in the counselor center working on a project. Joe helped James with an algebra project that took them two hours to complete. PHOTO BY NATE MARQUISS





Seniors John Fechner and Jeremy Hite work on math topics. "It is my hardest class and the most time consuming," Hite said. PHOTO BY NATE MARQUISS

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The day of a test I always eat a good breakfast before going to school. I highly recommend pancakes.

Caitlin Heaney
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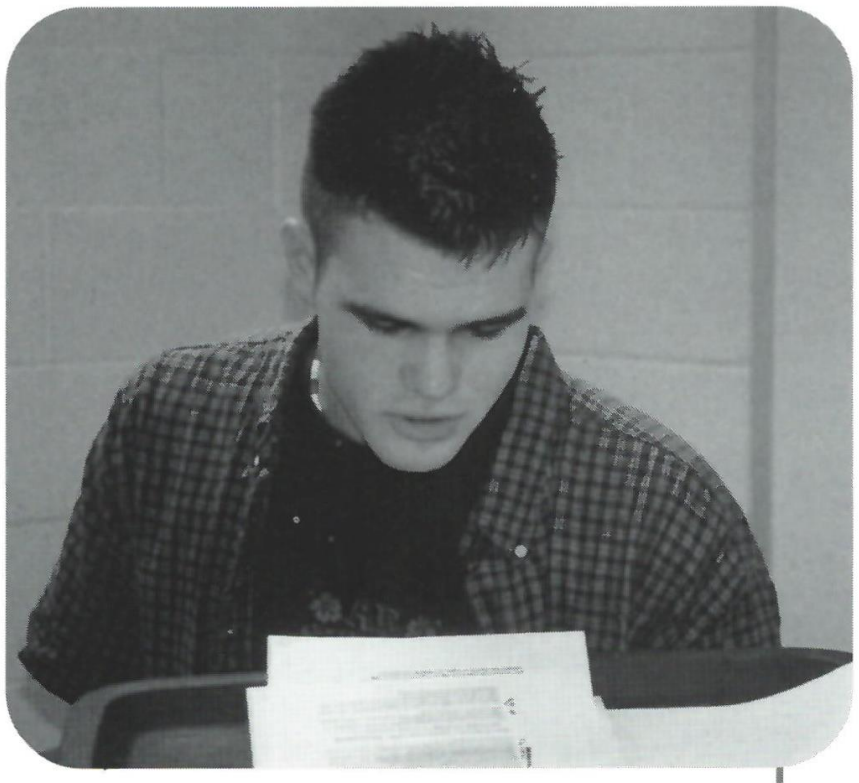

Junior John Synowicki prepares for a debate round at the Millard South tournament. Synowicki placed first in the varsity policy debate. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

Forensics

Debate

Competitions

Debate Results-

Millard South: 1st Place- Phil Murante-John Synowicki, 2nd Place- Angela Jensen-Zack Rabold- 2nd place speaker-John Synowicki **Des Moines Dowling:** Quarter Finalist- Andy Culp-Amy Schroeder **Central:** 2nd place- Phil Murante-John Synowicki, 1st place speaker- Phil Murante, 2nd place speaker John Synowicki; **Millard West:** Quarterfinalist- Phil Murante- John Synowicki, Semi-finalist: Andy Culp- Amy Shroeder **Varsity Lincoln Douglas Debate: Millard South:** 2nd Place- Josh Bloomquist; **Millard West:** Semi-finalist Josh Bloomquist; **Novice Policy Results: Mercy:** 2nd Place- Justin Coogan- David Tjornehoj, **Speakers:** 1st Place Speaker- Jeremy Mahon, 2nd speaker- Justin Coogan **Millard South:** 2nd Place- Josh Vlanday- Eric Jensen **Fremont:** 1st Place- Eric Jensen- **Vlanday,** 2nd Place-Lisa Boespflug- William Wendl **Central:** 1st Place-Eric Jensen-**Vlanday,** Semi-finalists: Coogan-Schonert, Boespflug- Wendl; **Speakers:** 1st Place-Eric Jensen; **Novice Lincoln Douglas: Mercy:** 1st Place- Jeff Hall, **Speakers:** 1st Place- Jeff Hall; **Millard South:** 1st Place- Dan Morris; **Lincoln Southeast:** 1st Place- Nic Swiercek, **Speakers:** 1st Place- Nic Swiercek **Westside: Finalist-** Jeff Hall, **Speakers:** 1st Place- Nic Swiercek, 2nd Place-Jeff Hall **Fremont:** 1st Place- Jeni Friend, **Semi-Finalist-** Jeff Hall; **Central:** 1st Place-Jeff Hall, 2nd Place- Nic Swiercek, **Speakers:** 1st Speaker-Jeff Hall, 2nd Speaker-Nic Swiercek; **Millard West:** Finalist- Dan Morris, **Speakers:** 1st Speaker- Nic Swiercek

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keep on competing

Feeding a baby at the Lydia House is junior Shawn Peterson. Four DECA, members volunteered to babysit and help decorate the house for the holidays early in December. Later in the year Peterson went on to win vice president of public relatins on the state level.

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Toolbox

Life in a competition

Speak up

- hard work
- anticipation
- awards
- determination

Angela Selzle 12

Forensics Results-

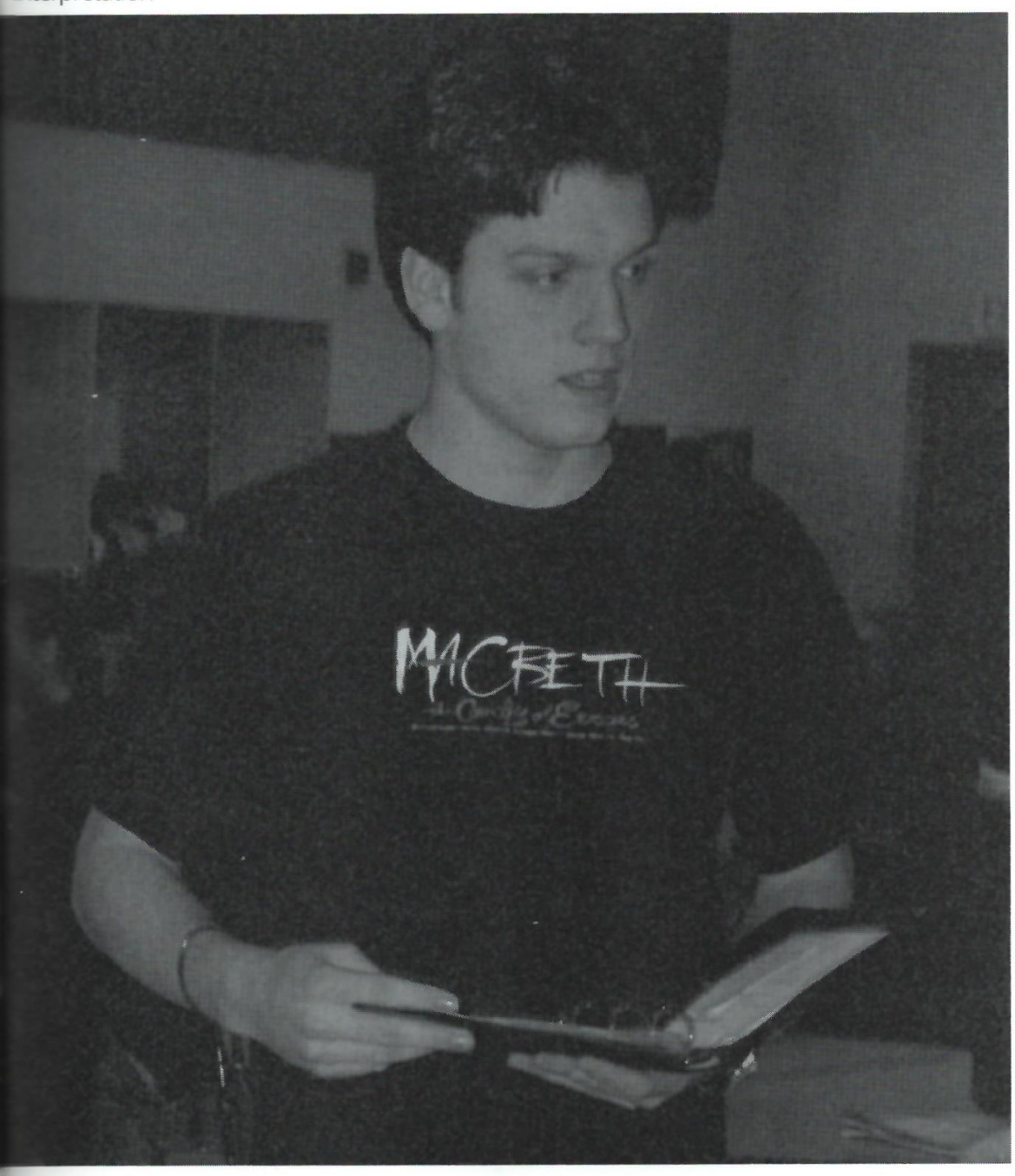
Bellevue East "Chieftain" Invitational: Tony Werner & Jenny Ploughman- 1st Duo Interpretation, Eric Grant-Leanna-1st Dramatic Interpretation, Meagan Smiglesky & Eric Grant-Leanna- 2nd Duo Interpretation Tony Werner - 2nd Humorous Interpretation; **Roger Maxwell Invitational:** Meagan Smiglesky & Eric Grant-Leanna- 1st Duo Interpretation Tony Werner- 1st Humorous Interpretation, Angela Selzle - 1st original oratory, Taria Abram- 2nd dramatic interpretation; **Gold #1:** Stephanie Millward- 2nd dramatic Interpretation; **Monarch Invitational:** Tony Werner & Jenny Ploughman - 1st Duo Interpretation, Tony Werner- 1st Humorous Interpretation, Eric Grant -Leanna 2nd Dramatic Interpretation; **Millard South "Squashfest":** Molly Meyerink & Allyson Schneiderwind- 1st Duet Acting, Jenny Heineman-1st oringinal interpretation, Jenny Ploughman- 2nd Humorous Interpretation, Angela Selzle- 2nd original oratory, Tony Werner- 2nd original interpretation; **Knight's Invitational:** Tony Werner & Jenny Ploughman- 1st Duet acting, Angela Selzle- 1st original oratory, Tony Werner- 2nd Humorous Interpretation; **"Wildcat" Invitational:** Christie Rushenberg- 1st Informative Speaking, Kirbi Long & Matt Euhling- 2nd Duet Acting; **"Capital City Classic":** Jenny Ploughman & Tony Werner- 1st Duo Interpretation, Angela Selzle- 2nd Original Oratory, Jenny Ploughman - 2nd Humorous Interpretation, Tony Werner- 2nd Dramatic Interpretation, Diane Johansen- 2nd Entertainment Speaking; **"Skyhawk" Invitational:** Tony Werner & Jenny Ploughman-1st Duo Interpretation, Kirbi Long & Matt Euhling- 2nd Duo Interpretation. **GOLD #2:** Natalie Johansen- 1st Prose Interpretation, Aimee Thompson- 1st Dramatic Interpretation; **Westside Warrior Invitational:** Jenny Ploughman & Tony Werner- 1st Duo Interpretation, Jenny Ploughman - 1st Humorous Interpretation, Tony Werner- 2nd Humorous Interpretation. **Raymond Central High School:** Jenny Ploughman & Tony Werner- 2nd Duet Acting; **"Polar Bear" Invitational-** Jenny Ploughman & Tony Werner- 1st Duo Interpretation, Angela Selzle- 1st Original Oratory, Eric Grant-Leanna- 1st Dramatic Interpretation, Jenny Ploughman- 1st Humorous Interpretation, Meagan Smigelsky- 2nd Oral Interpretation, Molly Meyerink- 2nd Humorous Interpretation; **"Tiger" Invitational:** Kirbi Long & Matt Uehling- 2nd Duet acting; **Elmwood-Murdock Invitational:** Christi Rushenberg- 1st Informative Speaking, Kirbi Long & Matt Euhling- 2nd Duet Acting **"Eagle" Invitational:** Tony Werner-1st Humorous Interpretation; Jenny Ploughman & Tony Werner- 2nd Duet Acting, Angela Selzle- 2nd Original Oratory, Sarah Robinson, Nicole Johnson, Rikki LeMay, Meredith Fisher, Sarah Schweid- 2nd Oral Interpretation of Drama; **Crete High School/ Doane College Invitational:** Jenny Ploughman & Tony Werner- 1st Duet Acting, Angela Selzle- 1st Persuasive Speaking, Jenny Ploughman, Angela Selzle, Meagan Smigelsky, Eric Grant-Leanna, Taria Abram- 1st Oral Interpretation of Drama, Eric Grant-Leanna-2nd Dramatic Interpretation **"Clipper" Invitational:** Amanda Lord- 2nd Humorous Interpretation

Preparing for different academic competitions provided many students with the motivation and ability to succeed in other scholastic school events, not just in class but outside of it, also.

DECA was one of the many extracurricular activities that prepared students for the possible business industry they would enter after college. It taught students essential leadership qualities through various leadership workshops and conferences. "We went to the Central Region Conference in Milwaukee, WI and also to Kearney for a fall leadership conference with different schools for two days. We learned many leadership skills and how to handle different business situations," senior **Katie Braunger** said, "In districts we had more people compete than in previous years, along with about half the people placing in their categories."

The forensics and debate teams also had to do many things to prepare for weekly competitions. " To prepare we have class every day along with practice rounds. We also get critiqued by our coach. You get out of it what you put into it. How competitive you are depends on how hard you work, " junior **Melanie Benesh** said.

Students often found rewarding experiences from the competitions when they returned with medals and trophies.



Seniors Meagan Smigelsky and Eric Grant-Leanna perform their piece at the Bellevue East "Chieftain" Invitational. They placed second in their duo interpretation. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

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If you are prepared and know what you are doing, you have no reason to be nervous come competition time.

Kirbi Long
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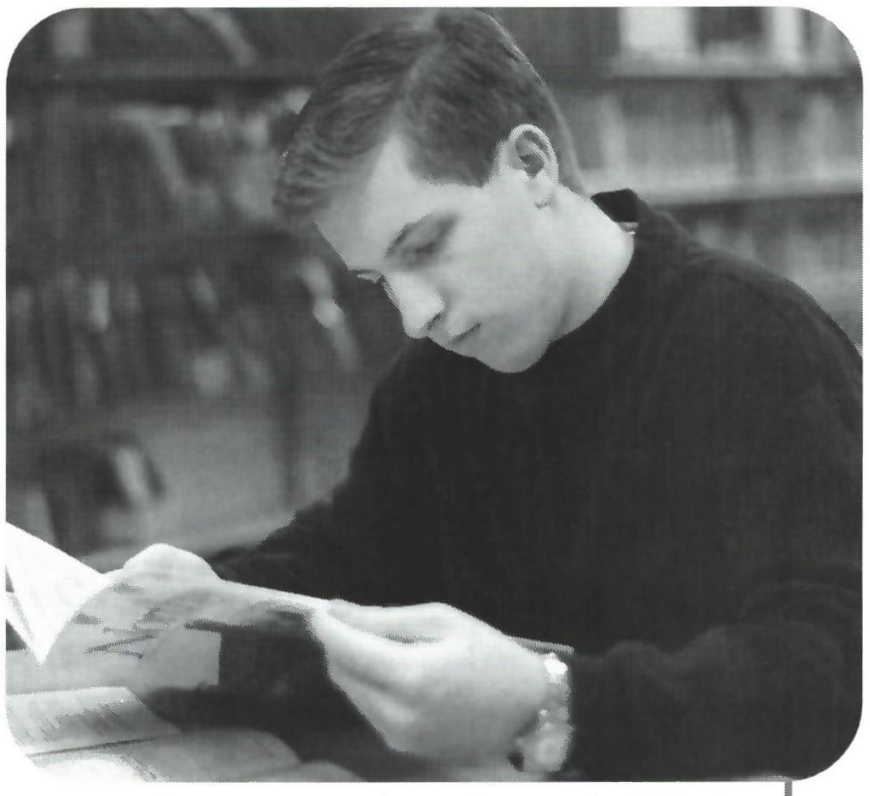
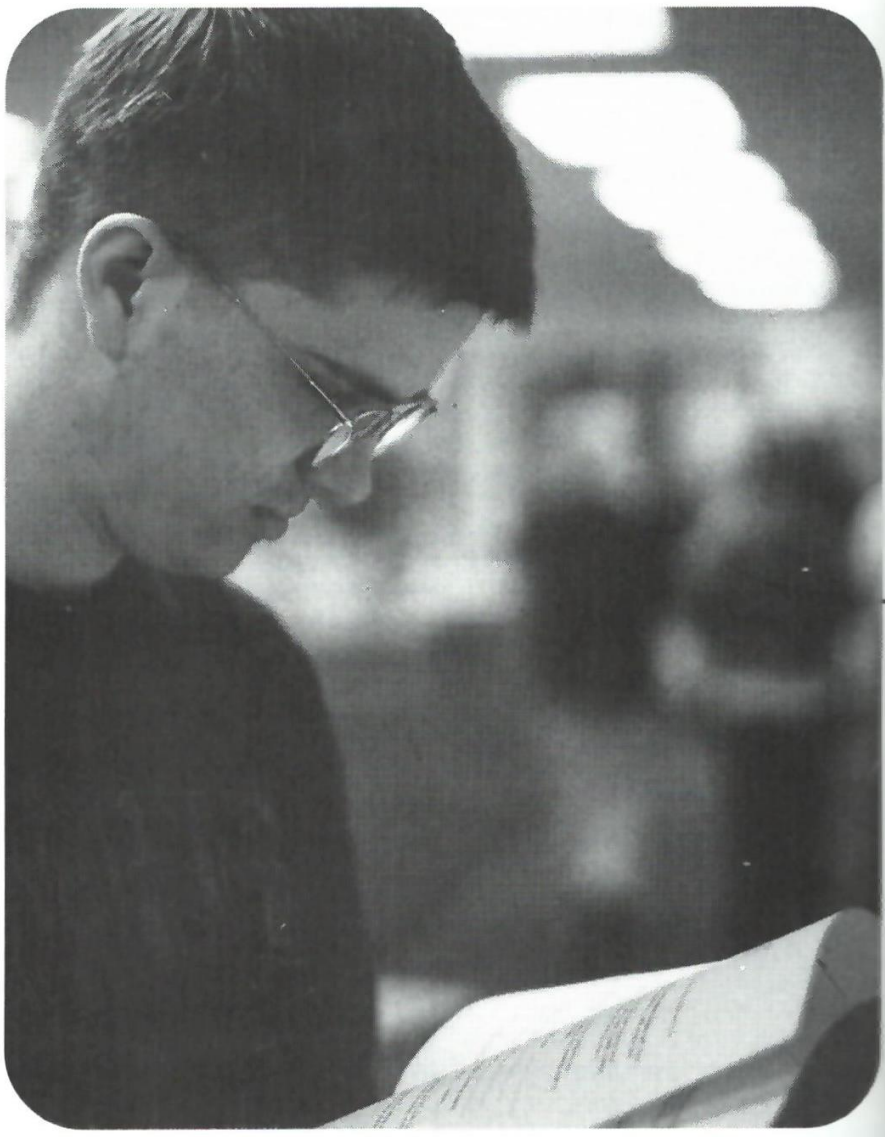


Senior Todd King looks at an application for Northwest Missouri State. He also applied at other colleges that day. PHOTO BY NATE MARQUISS

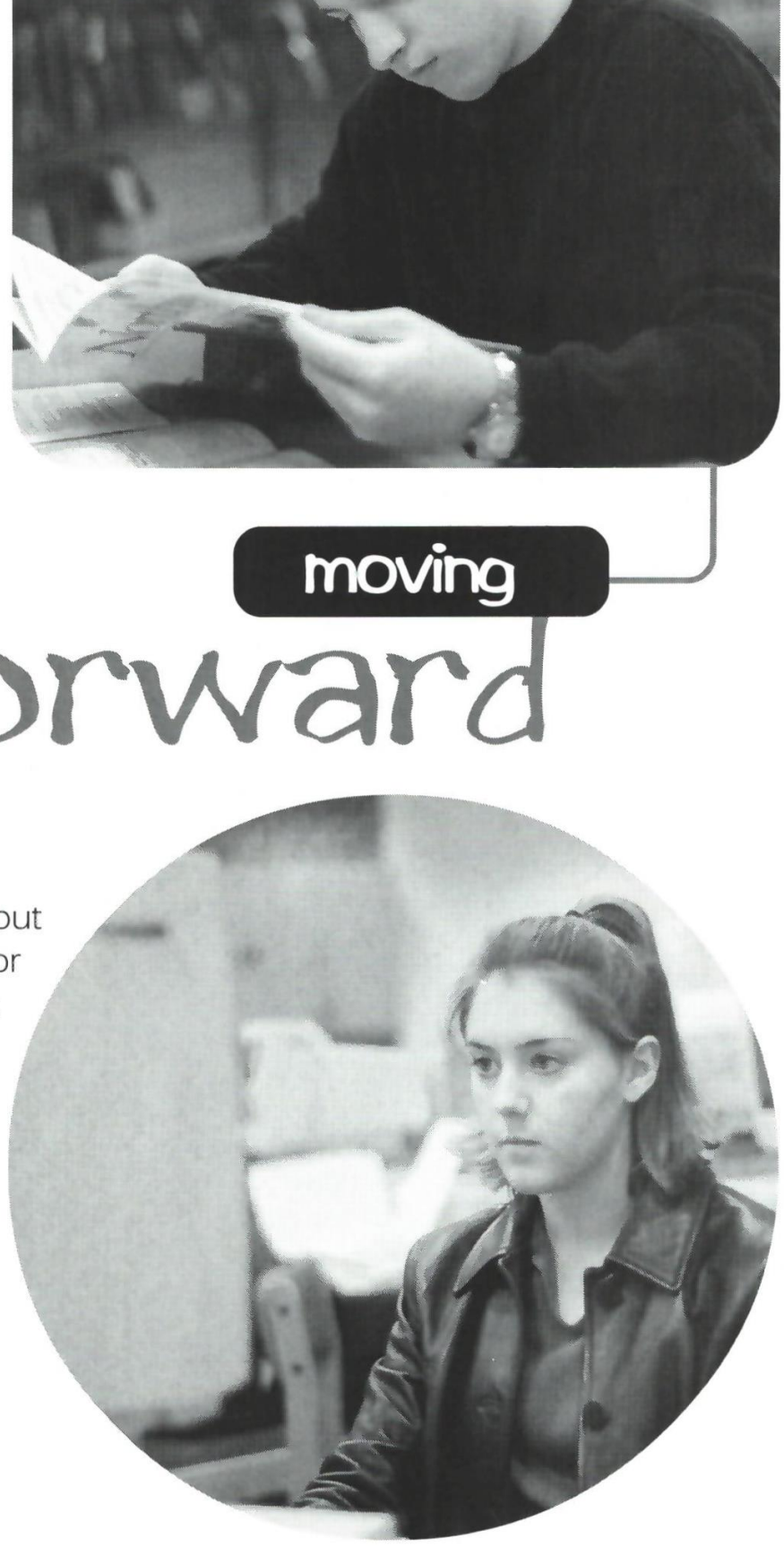
Senior Brandon Gleed looks at the scholarship board. Many students jumped at the opportunity to get extra money for college, but it meant lots of paperwork. PHOTO BY NATE MARQUISS

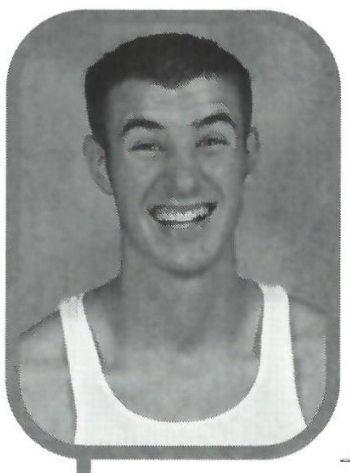


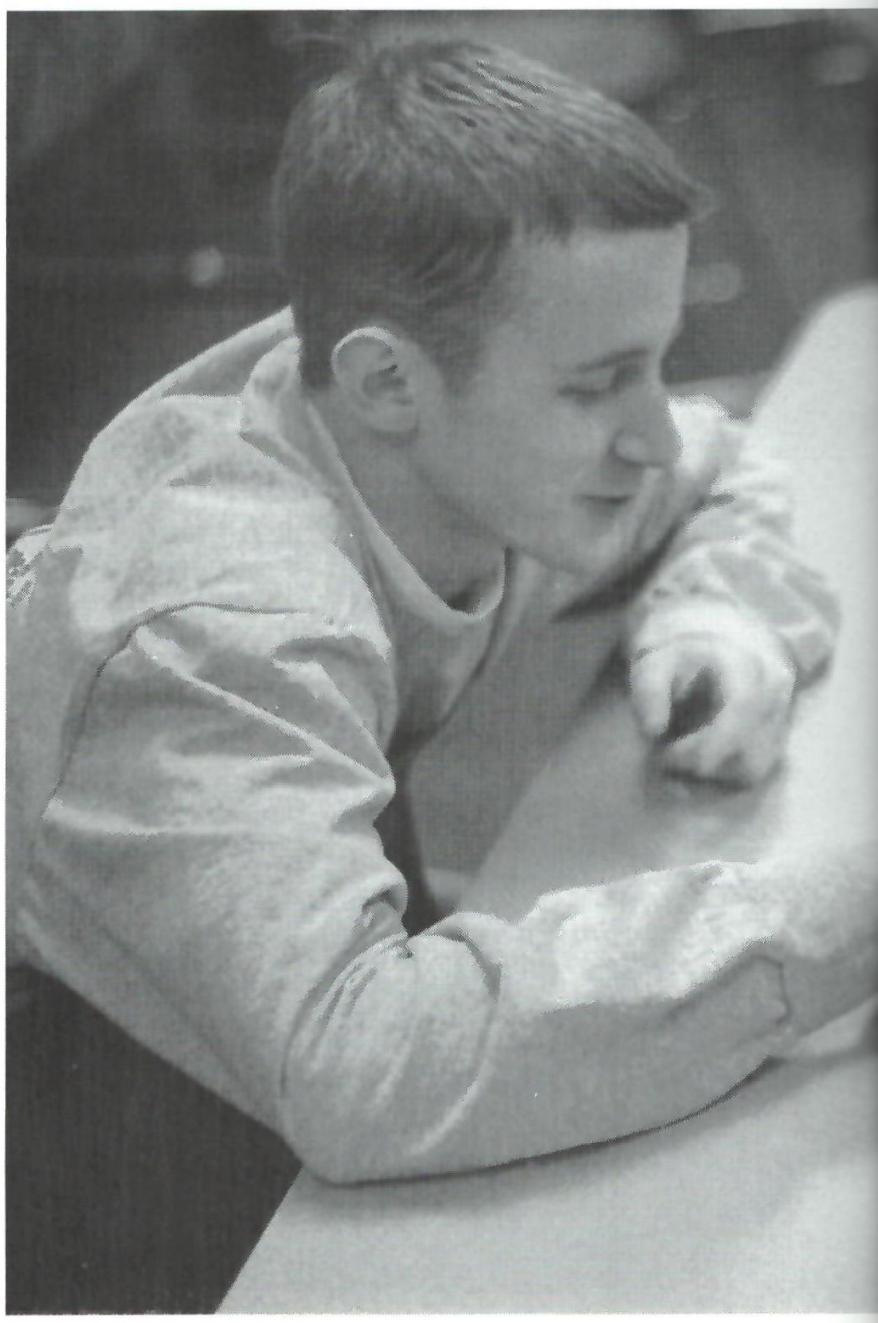
moving

Forward

Senior Katie Parys fills out an application online for Iowa State. She said it was a lot easier than filling out paper forms. PHOTO BY NATE MARQUISS







Toolbox

Life inside a application

- ACT score
- grades
- community service
- reason for pursuit

Speak up

David Thrasher [12]

Senior Janice Giles studies for her test in her last semester class. She spent lots of time looking over and making sure she had all of her high school requirements done. PHOTO BY NATE MARQUISS

Choosing and applying for colleges took a large part of the year for seniors.

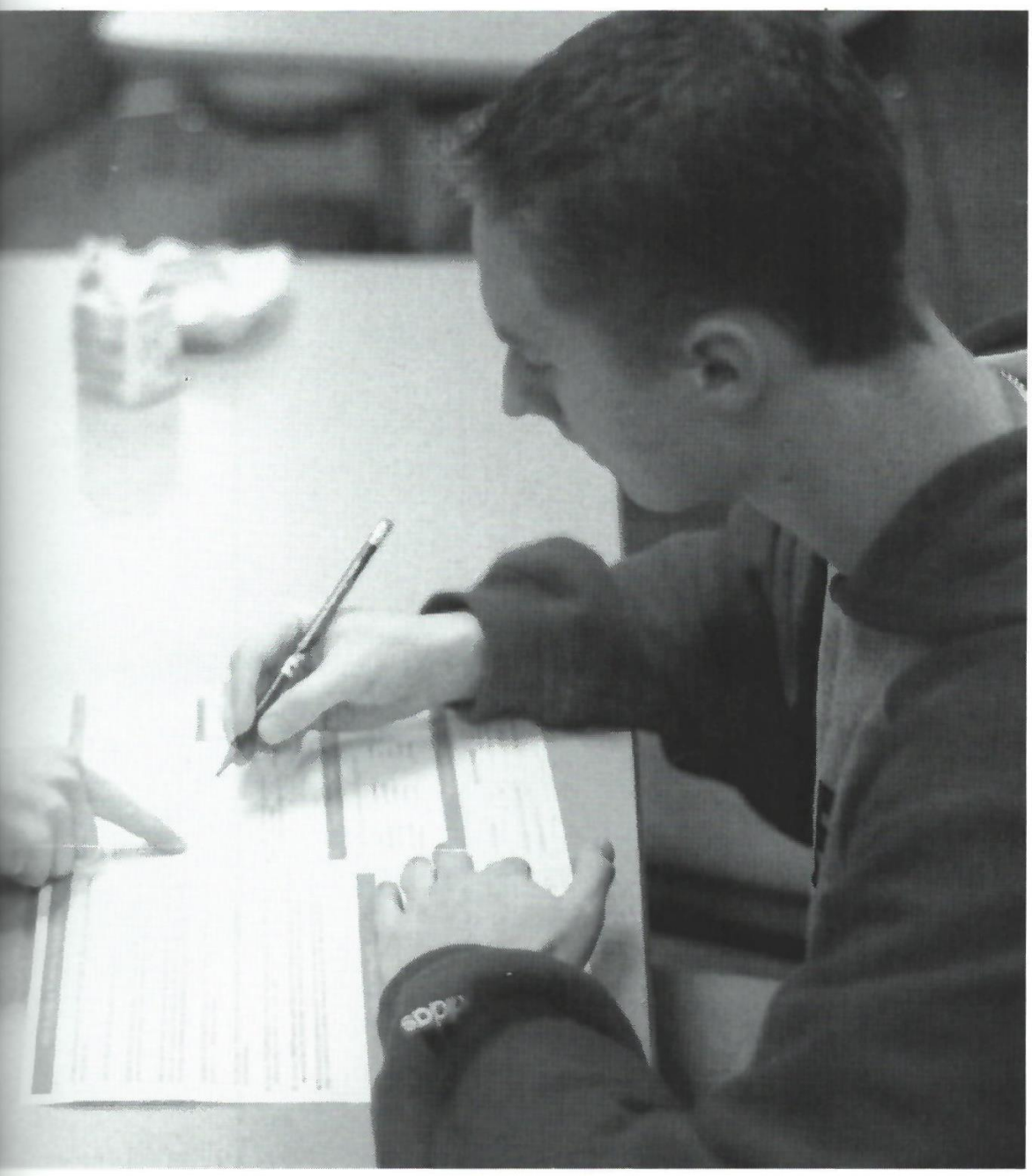
"Applications took lots of time and asked general questions such as grades, Act scores and about your job, They also ask questions about awards you've won and clubs you've been in throughout high school," senior **Janice Giles** said.

Besides filling out applications, there were the difficult decisions of narrowing down the choices.

"The important thing I look for when picking a college is how many people already attend, the location, what it offers, and what it looks like," senior Jenny Janis said.

"For the most part, I'm looking forward to college. It's a new beginning, and I'll meet new friends. But, the rest of me is scared and sad. Losing my friends and family will be hard, and I'll miss them more than anything," senior **Tara Dinslage** said.

"The whole thought of college is overwhelming and full of excitement. It means starting over with new friends, classes, and place. Trying to room with a friend from high school is a good idea for me because you aren't starting off alone, and you have someone you already know, senior **Matt McVey** said.



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advice From

Get all your college requirements taken care of early because it's hard to catch up.

Mike Zagurski
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Seniors Donald Engstrom and Matt McVey help each other fill out applications for UNL. The two hoped to room together at Lincoln.
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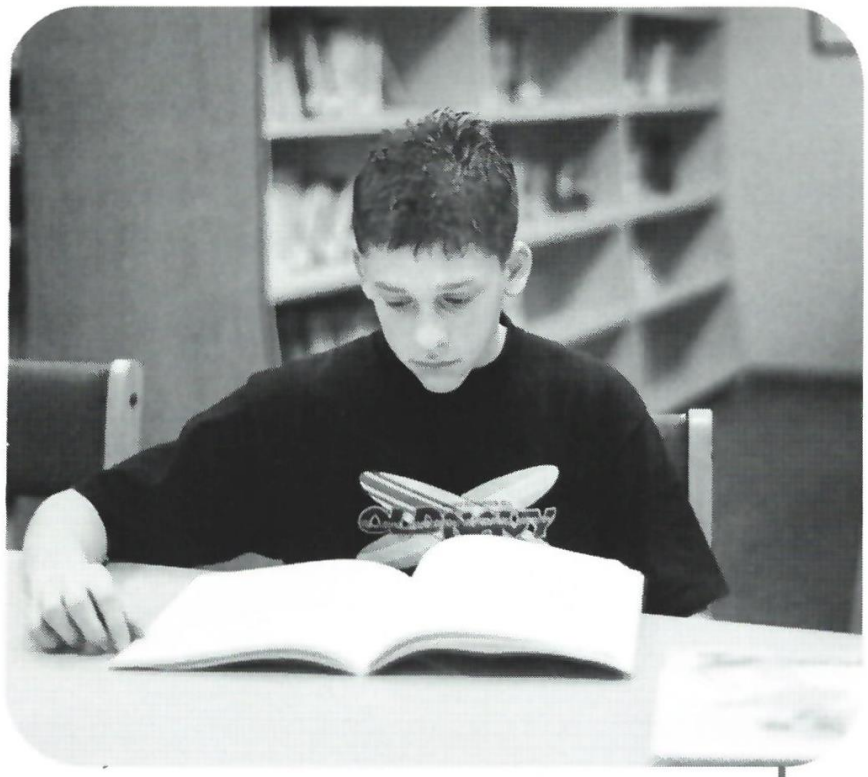
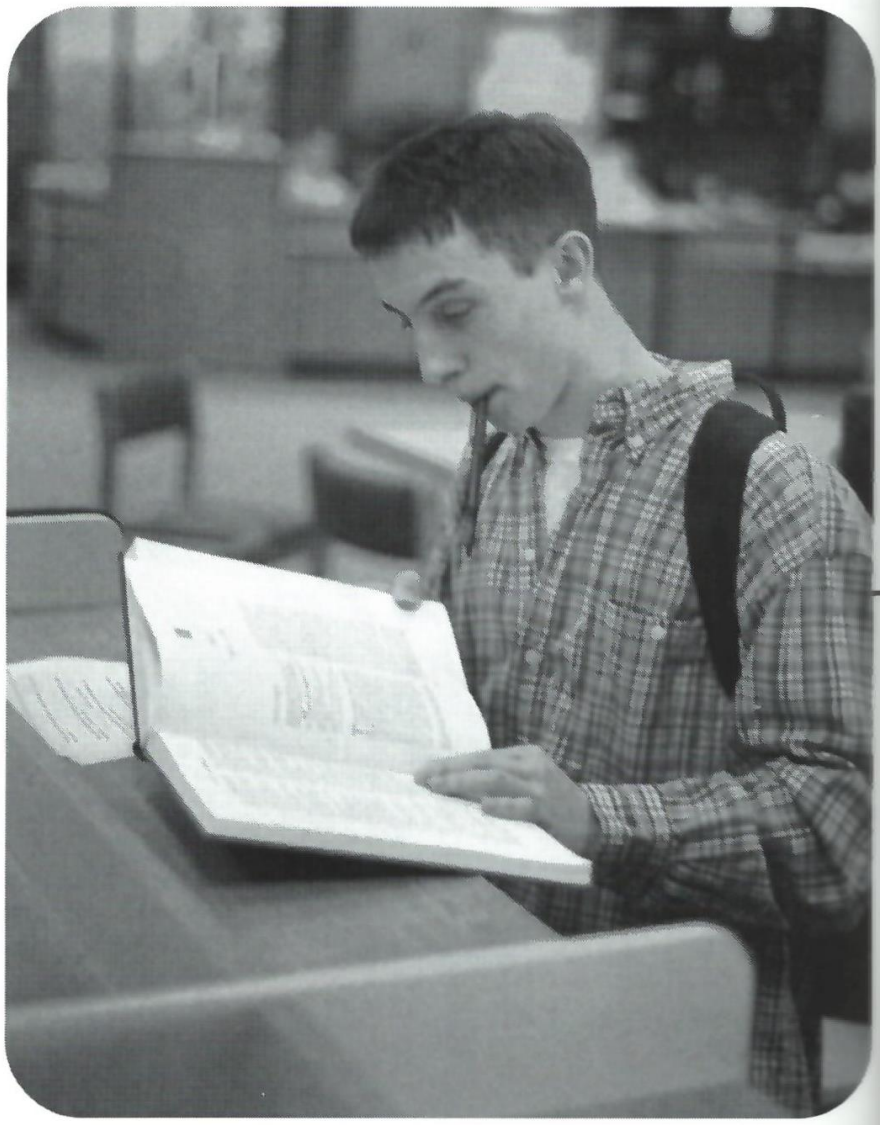


Freshman Geoff Wrenn uses an encyclopedia to research the Cold War. The library provided books and the internet for research. PHOTO BY NATE MARQUISS

Senoir Tony Werner uses his text book to have a better understanding of the subject. Werner's AP English class was assigned a research paper on classical authors. PHOTO BY NATE MARQUISS



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love it

accomplished

Senior Erik Pulverenti uses his time in the library to write up an outline for a paper on Idaho. The quiet atmosphere in the library was perfect for studying and research.
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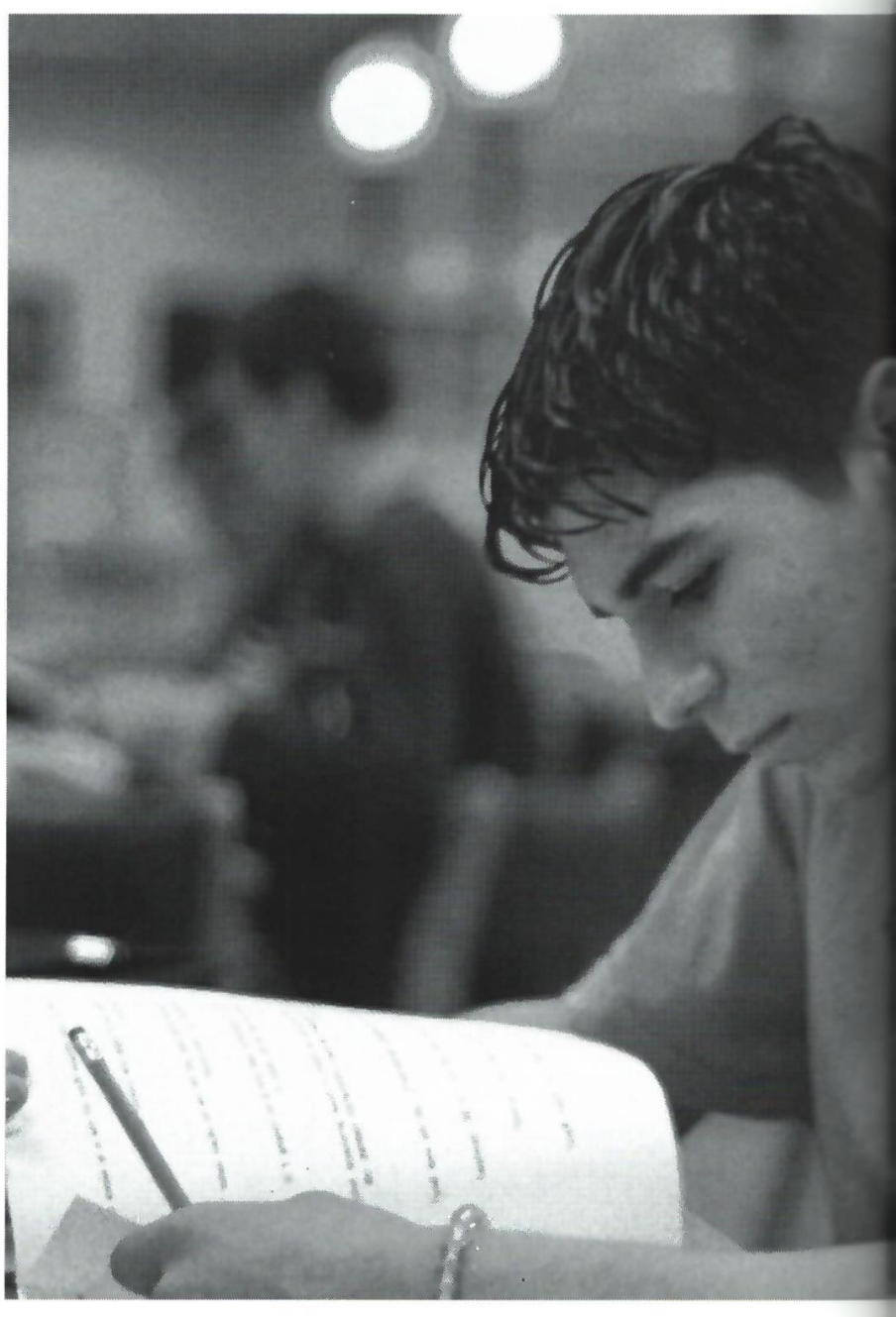


Toolbox

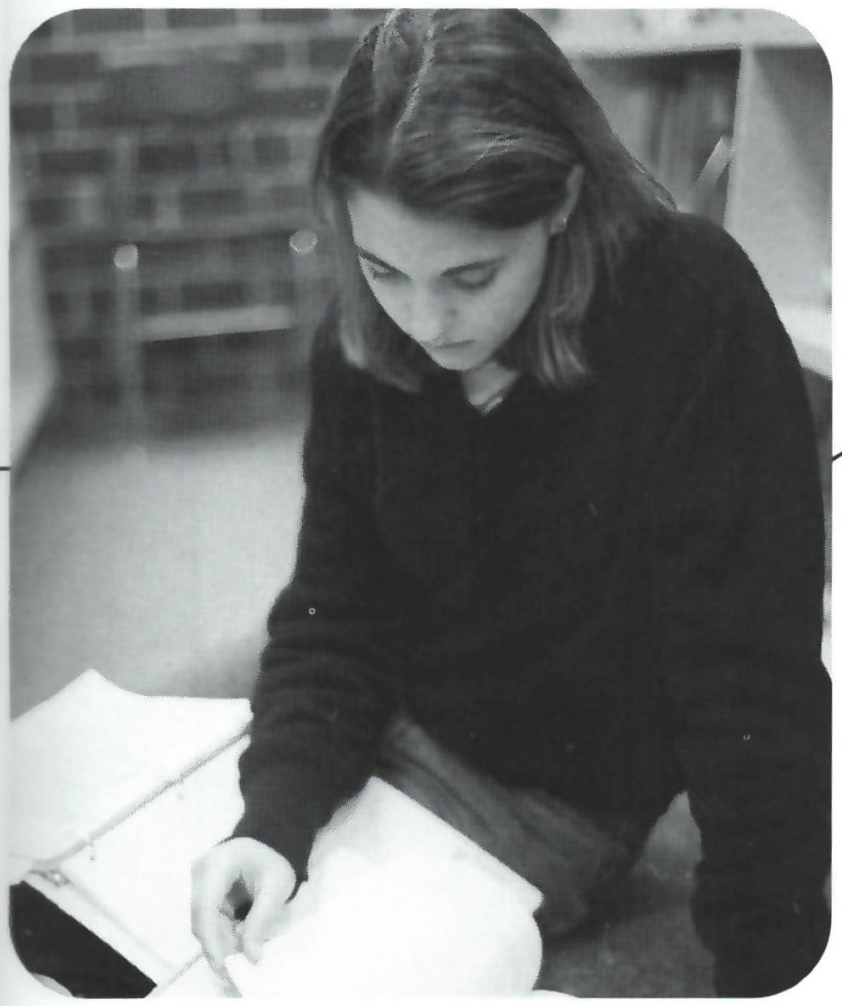
Life of a research paper

Speak up

- ideas/brainstorming
- research at the library
- multiple rough drafts
- final copy

Mackenzie Derich

Senoir Carina McCormick flips through her research materials to find a desired page on ***The Tempest***. The internet was a great source of immediate information. PHOTO BY NATE MARQUISS



One of the most dreaded assignments was a research project. Students expressed emotions of disfavor and often were known to put off the research and writing of the paper until the last minute.

"They can be really stressful, but I guess they are good because they prepare me for college," junior **Amanda West** said. However, some students felt pride in their accomplishment after having spent hours perfecting their paper.

Interest in the assigned topic gave students more motivation than topics that were boring. "'Research papers are more enjoyable when the subject is easy to relate to. My mass media research paper was easy because it was over the media, which I am familiar with," senior **Chase Thomsen** said.

Methods of research varied. The internet was a good source of information and the access was easy. Encyclopedias and books offered a more traditional approach to research. Unfortunately, some students received or chose topics which were tedious to research.

"Freshman year, I had to do a research paper on the Loch Ness Monster. I couldn't find any info on the topic, so I had to get an extension on my project," junior **Angie Keegan** said.

For some, research projects were an undesired quest for knowledge, but others approached the task as an opportunity to expand their horizons.

[Tip] advice From

Research papers should be worked on progressively. You should set goals and deadlines. Having a teacher proofread one of the drafts is advisable.

Shannon C. Miller
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Freshman Ryan Doke works on a *Romeo and Juliet* worksheet. Research methods were essential for college-prep English courses. PHOTO BY NATE MARQUISS

Junior Beth Radloff works on a project in English 11. Projects for selected literature were a nice change of pace for students.
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Juniors Megan SantaMaria and Carrie Nielson discuss their opinions about a shirt in Fashion Merchandising. The class helped Carrie's creativity because it lets her "show her personal style". PHOTO BY CANDACE KELLOGG

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get creative

Senior Natalie McCart works on a poster for AP English. Markers were used to make the project for Grapes of Wrath more creative.
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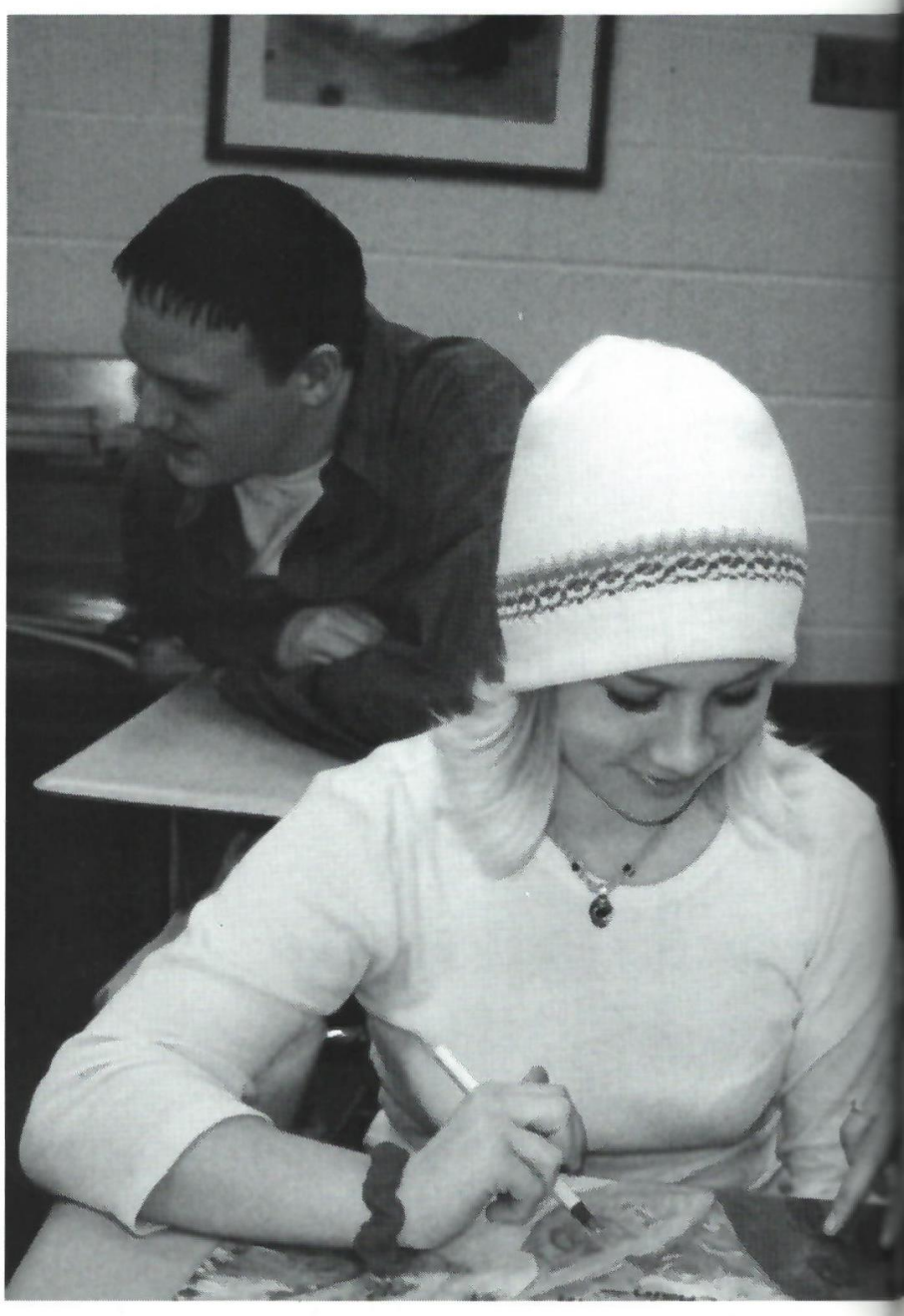
Toolbox

Life inside an art case

Speak up

Kirsti Hanson
12

- drawings
- drawing pencils
- pastels
- markers



Seniors Natalie Oakley and Grant Christiansen work together to build a bench in Woods II. Creativity was an important skill when working on different projects in woods class. PHOTO BY CANDACE KELLOGG

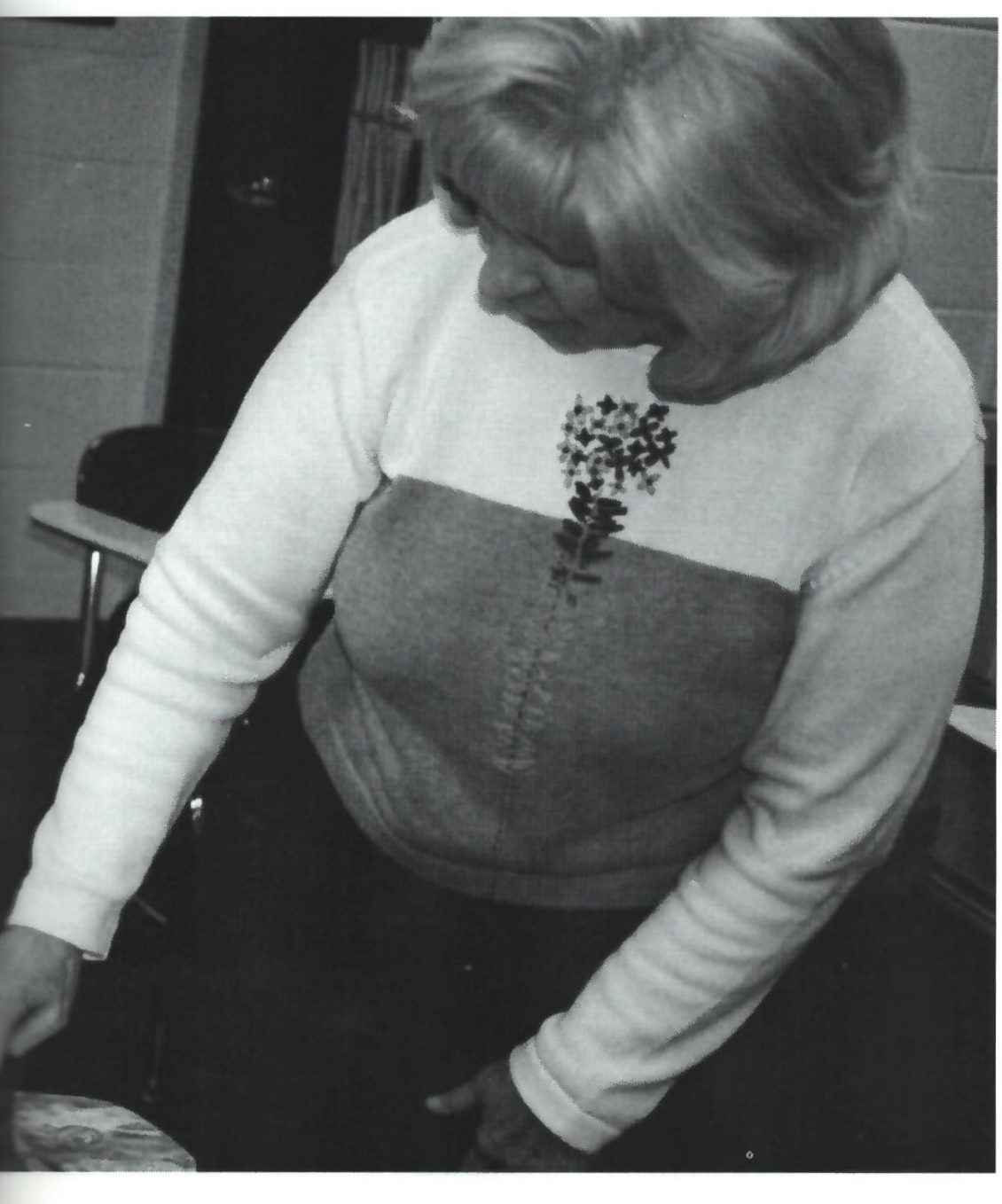
Students looking for ways to express their creativity at MN didn't have to look very hard. For those who searched for a change of pace from the normal classes, there were many available options.

Classes like advanced studio art, fashion merchandising, woods, art foundations, and creative writing offered students a chance to express themselves by allowing them to use their own ideas and to be as creative as they wanted.

Fashion merchandising is one class where fashionable students are able to further their creative style and create their own looks. "We get a lot of our ideas from current magazines that Mrs. Sheri Owens provides," junior **Megan Santa Maria** said.

Advanced Studio Art offered creative students a continuation of their earlier art classes. "This class provides the time and environment where we can work on the pieces for our portfolio, and be creative, in order to help us for the future," senior **Kirsti Hanson** said.

Creativity was found in different types of classes, presenting a change of pace and a way for students to express themselves in school.



Junior Mary Ficenic works on a poem in English 11. Creativity was used in writing the poem, and by decorating it. PHOTO BY CANDACE KELLOGG

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advice From

If you take Creative Writing, try to be as creative as possible with your writings, and use plenty of planning time.

Jenna West
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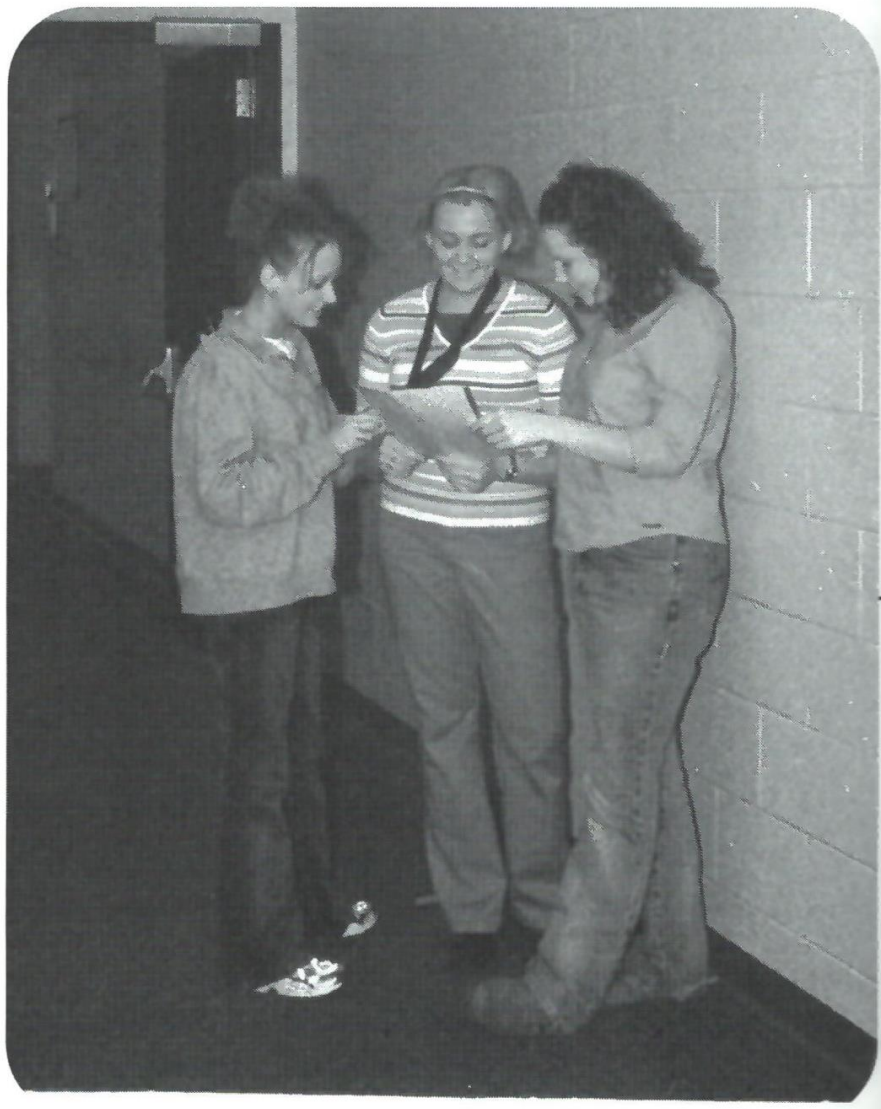
letter of Intent: Front- Jessica Runty, Amanda Holland, Lindsey Herrera, Samantha Rogers, Stacy Severa, Amy Johnson, Kerry Farrell back- Colt Palmer, Chase Odenreider, Dan Lee, Mike McLaughlin; additional Seniors who signed but not pictured - Mike Giovani, Shawn Kroenke, Mike Zagurski, Tony Daniel PHOTO BY MICHAEL BRUNTZ

Senior Linsey Armbrust shows her award to senior Lindsey Parkyns and junior Lindsey Dame. Armbrust competed at the National Journalism Convention and won the Superior award. PHOTO BY CANDICE KELLOGG



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keep on

practicing

Practicing during first hour is orchestra. In May, they competed in the Heritage Music Festival in Chicago, IL.
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Toolbox

Life inside an award

Speak up

- hard work
- practice
- having fun
- glory/pride

Sehr Haroon

merit scholars

Demiri Adloff, Seven Allen, Stephanie Alm, Josh Amick, Brad Brennan, Dannielle Engle, Beth Erickson, David Graff, Mark Hautzinger, Lyle McConaughy, Carina McCormick, Elizabeth Ory, Scott Rosenbaugh, Jessica Schroeder, Shelley Tifft

music awards- band , orchestra , chorus

Orchestra: Eight students were accepted into All-State Orchestra. Three students were accepted into Hastins Honors Orchestra. Eleven students were accepted into UNO Honors Orchestra. MN Orchestra students medaled individually in the solo category at UNO String Olympics. This earnd MN the first place trophy for overall solo competition. MN Orchestra earned superior ratings from all three judges at last year's District Music Contest. 40% of our orchestra won superior or excellent ratings for their solo or ensemble entries at District Music Contest.
Band: They recieved 2nd Place at Omaha Marching, and highest score at the Invitational. Ten students ere accepted for the 2000 All-State band at UNL. They also recieved 1st place in the River City round-up play. They were also Sweepstakes Winner for best band at the Columbus Marching Invitational Contest and 1st at the Elkhorn Band Olympics.
Honors Band: UNO - Courtney Anderson, Elliot Erikson, Adam Hughes, Preston Mesick, Elizabeth Ory, Erica Overmyer, Kristin Peterson, Bethany Peterson, Andrew Smith, Nicole Woodle; Plainsman at NWU -Allison Balcetis, Adam Hughes, Elizabeth Ory, Kristin Peterson, Alew Toews, Anna Cashero, Kirbi Long, Matt Uehling; Hastings - Bethany Meuleners, Allison Balcetis, Bethany Peterson, Adam Hughes, Elizabeth Ory, Alex Toews, Kristin Peterson
UNO 2001 Heartland Festival Honor Choir: Carrie Bahde, Kenny Bartlett, Anna Cashero, Matt Davies, Katie Freeman, Jennifer Go, Megan Graber, Eric Grant-Leanna, Danielle Gray, Kara Hanson, Peter Jensen, Jenny Kriens, Kirbi Long, Rachel McCune, Emily McIvor, Samantha Meister, Molly Meyerink, Jordon Nieber, Allyson Schneiderwind, Meagan Smigelsky, Melissa Smigelsky, Matthew Uehling, Laura Wittwer, Mackenzie Zielke
DECA: Districts - School President Katie Branger places 3rd, Shawn Peterson place 4th, Jessica Bemis Anna Goodland, Kyle Olig, Jenny Peterson, Tony Pirrucello, Matt Seiler placed in the top 8.

Every day, high school students went to classes, learned new material, and did work which applied to that information. In addition to that, students got involved in other activities as special interests and talents. These interests or talents lead to many advantages that could have been helpful them in the future, such as awards or scholarships.

For Senior **Dannielle Engle**, her interest in orchestra earned her many awards. She was seated in the second chair at the All-State orchestra. In the UNO Honors Orchestra, she was seated first and also earned the right to play a solo. These were only a few of the many honors she earned.

"These awards have come from lots and lots of hard work and individual practicing. They helped motivate me to keep me practicing and getting better. It has really encouraged me to stick with it and it has been great being in orchestra," Engle said.

Engle's hard work and practicing paid off. Awards and scholarships were a great way to keep students motivated and interested in other electives at school. Students interests and talents allowed them to get involved in school and be rewarded for what they enjoy doing, whether is was money for college, or just an honor. Doing well made the difference.

[Tip] advice From

I was in All-State Choir. It meant a lot because I was with the best singers in Nebraska. It was the coolest!

Kirbi Long
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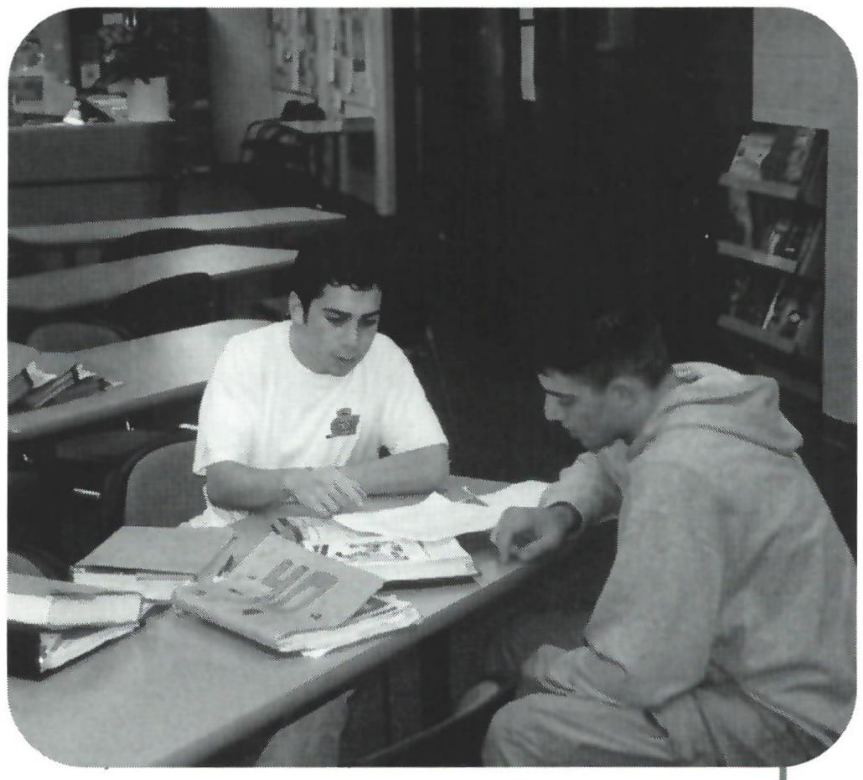
Seniors Jenny Ploughman and Matt Uehling perform at Ezra Elementary with the Showstoppers. The Showstoppers was a new music group this year. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY CARRIE BOHDE



Junior Kevin O'Driscoll tutors junior Marty Magers. Students were able to volunteer their time to tutor other students. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

Math teacher Raven Morris helps junior Beth Ring with her homework. Morning help was available for those in need. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

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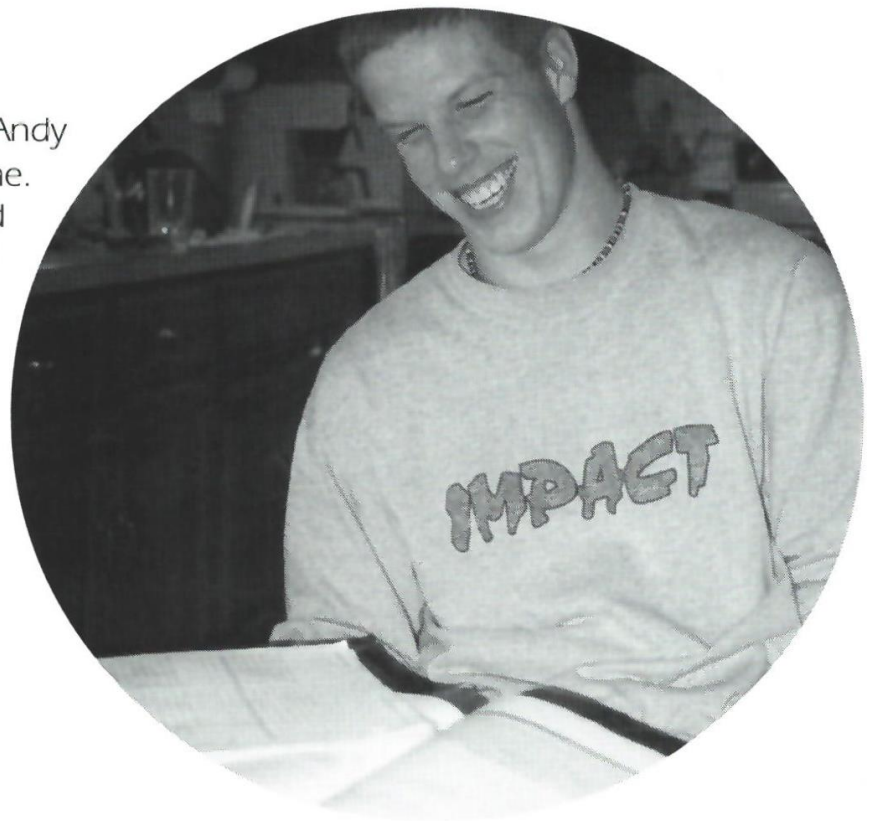
Dan Johnson

a new environment



Distracted, senior Andy Pedersen studies at home. Some students preferred the home as opposed to other places.
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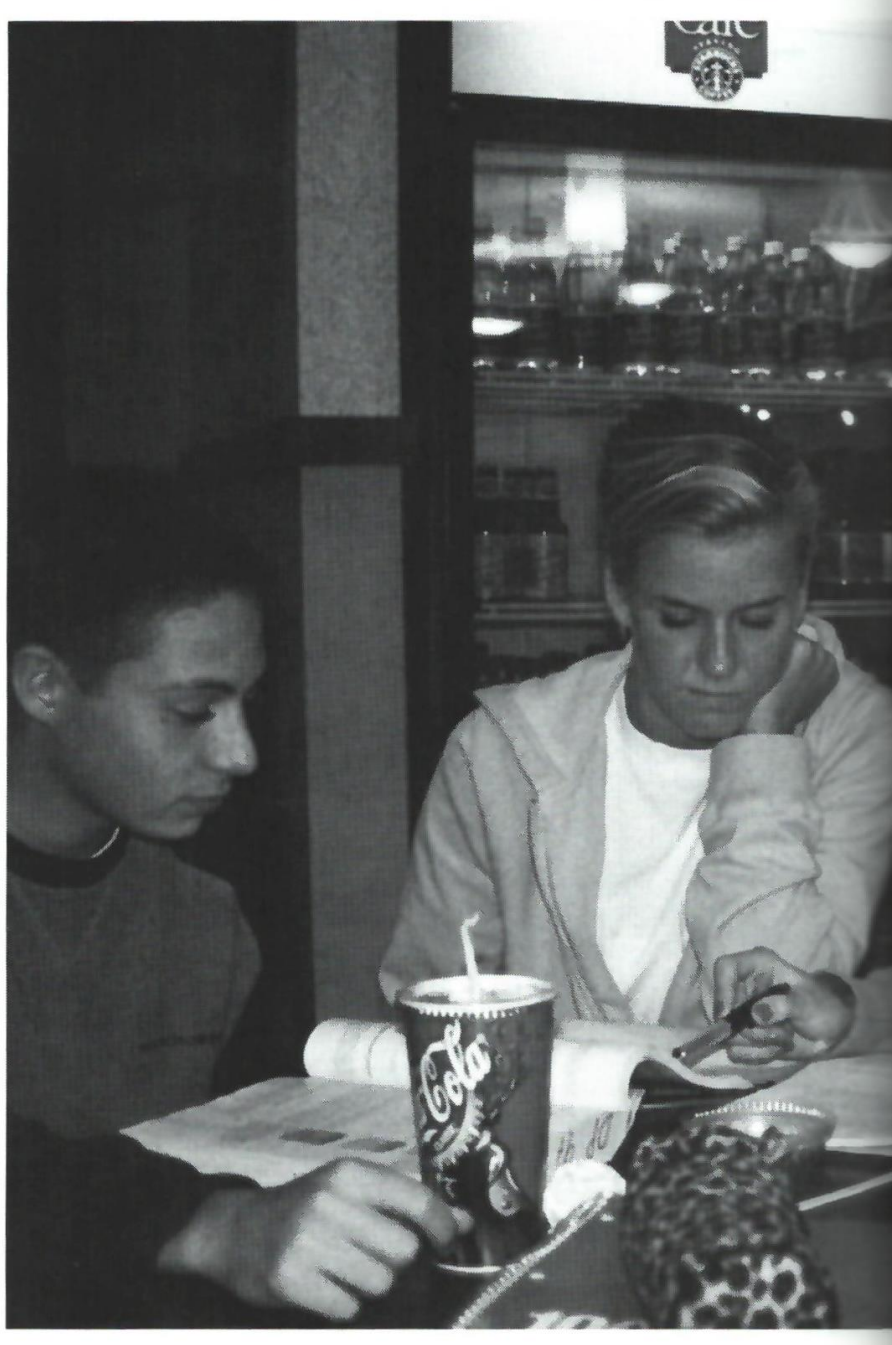
Speak up

Richelle LeMay

Toolbox

The life inside a folder

- Power Puff Girls Stickers
- Power Puff Girls Notebook
- Power Puff Girls Drawings
- loose Leaf Paper



Outside, inside, alone, or with friends was how students chose to study. Their goals, however, differed from one to another because students used different rituals while studying.

The library, bookstores, and home became the place for students to seek the perfect study environment.

"Barnes and Nobles is the best place to study for tests. Their caffeine drinks keep you awake," junior **Paula Good** said.

Some found that different environments were great places to study in.

"Panera is a good place to study because of all the food provided there," sophomore **Erica Caballero** said.

Being motivated to study is what helped many students throughout the year. They often found little things to make studying seem less time-consuming.

"The only way I can study is with a piece of candy in my mouth," sophomore **Jenny Hoefener** said.

Not all motivation came from tangible items. Ambition for grades, higher education, and proud parents were factors in studies.

Long hours were put into homework and exams throughout the year. Sacrifices, headaches, and paper cuts made studying hard, but in the end, the reward was worth it.

Using gym time, senior Vandy Bauer and junior Amanda Boardman finish their homework. Gym students were allowed three zeros a semester before receiving a failing status. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

Juniors Alex Chacon, Colleen Brown, and Ashley Amick discuss homework at Barnes and Noble. This atmosphere made studying convenient.
PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

[Tip]

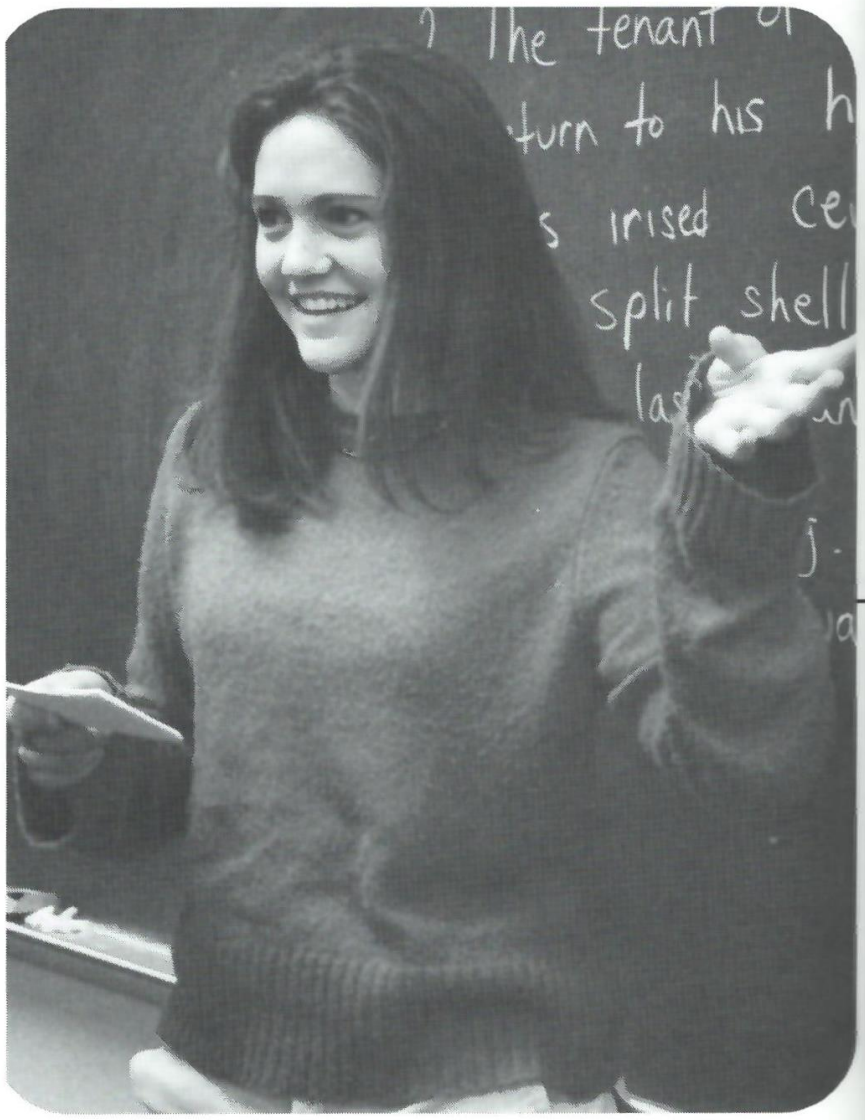
advice From

Designate specific time for studying. Stay away from distractions such as television, phone, and girls.

Andrew Riley
[12

Juniors Carrie Nielsen and Whitney Lapier share the latest fashions with their fellow students. Students in fashion merchandising were given trash bags to create their own outfits for a fashion show. PHOTO BY JOSH CHEEK

Junior Heather Renier gives a speech in front of her English 11 class. Getting up in front of class was sometimes nerve racking for students. PHOTO BY JOSH CHEEK



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Lauren Banghart

get up and speak

Senior Megan Schmolke glances at her teacher to see if it's okay for her to begin presenting. Megan's presentation included a baby picture of her and her favorite childhood memories.
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Toolbox

The life inside a locker

Speak up

Allie Willensky
10]

- Hello Gorgeous mirror
- decorative notebooks
- multi-colored pencil box
- fabric covered books

Imagine standing up in front of class, knees shaking and adrenaline rushing, while giving a presentation. However, not all students got a nervous feeling, especially if they presented their information in their own unique way.

"I enjoy doing interpretations like forensics because you get to be somebody else, and you get to experiment with different types of characters instead of just presenting the same old boring information," senior **Jenny Ploughman** said.

Group size influenced the amount of pressure students felt while presenting their information.

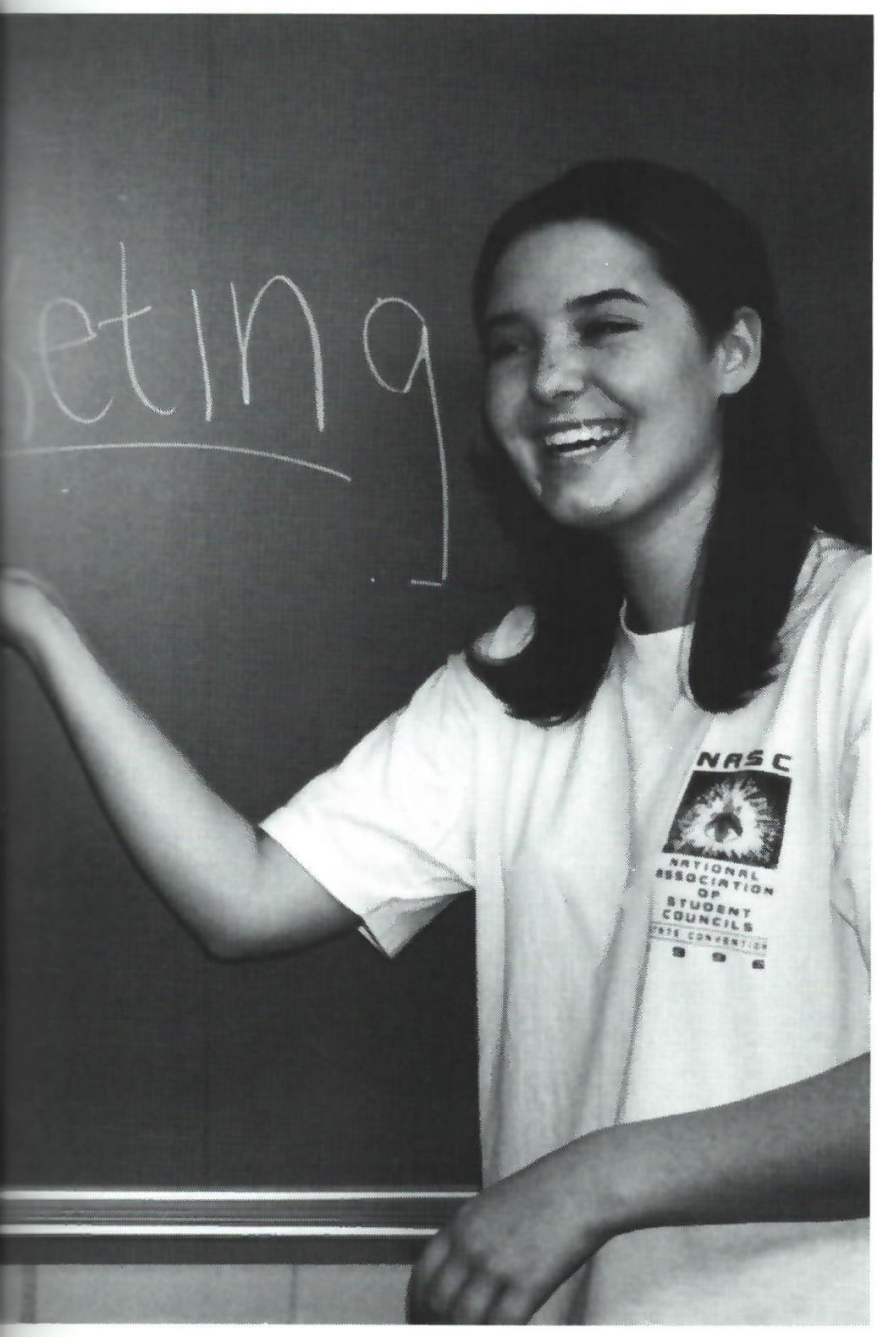
"Standing with others makes me feel more comfortable, and I don't get butterflies in my stomach. Also, you can do more stuff to make the presentation better," sophomore **Kristi Vrtiska** said.

Students preferred presentations over tests because they could express their creativity, and they felt less stress.

"I learn more from presentations than I do studying for tests. Tests are a bad excuse for staying up all night to cram information into your brain that you will forget within a few week's time. When I do a presentation, I research a lot because I become so interested in it," Vrtiska said.

The real key was getting up the courage to present before one's peers.

Seniors Tara Verplank and Bryant Moran share their painted pumpkin with the class. Another major project in foods class was to make real baby food out of carrots. PHOTO BY JOSH CHEEK



Seniors Emily Winter and Erin Kronberg give a presentation in marketing. Teachers requested that students use their own creative ideas to make their presentation best.
PHOTO BY JOSH CHEEK

[Tip] advice From

Don't get too busy in activities because your grades will slip. Going from practice to practice leaves little time for homework.

Ashley Borchers
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Juniors Ashley Borchers and Heather Couch discuss their grades. Sharing scores was a common practice in class. PHOTO BY ASHLEY ROSENBOOM

Junior Michael Hellman browses through college brochures. Looking at college pamphlets was a good idea to find out where to go to college. PHOTO BY ASHLEY ROSENBOOM

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Alyson Carstens

reach for your goals

Junior Jeff Brockett memorizes his band piece on the saxophone. Band members were required to memorize the songs performed at football games.
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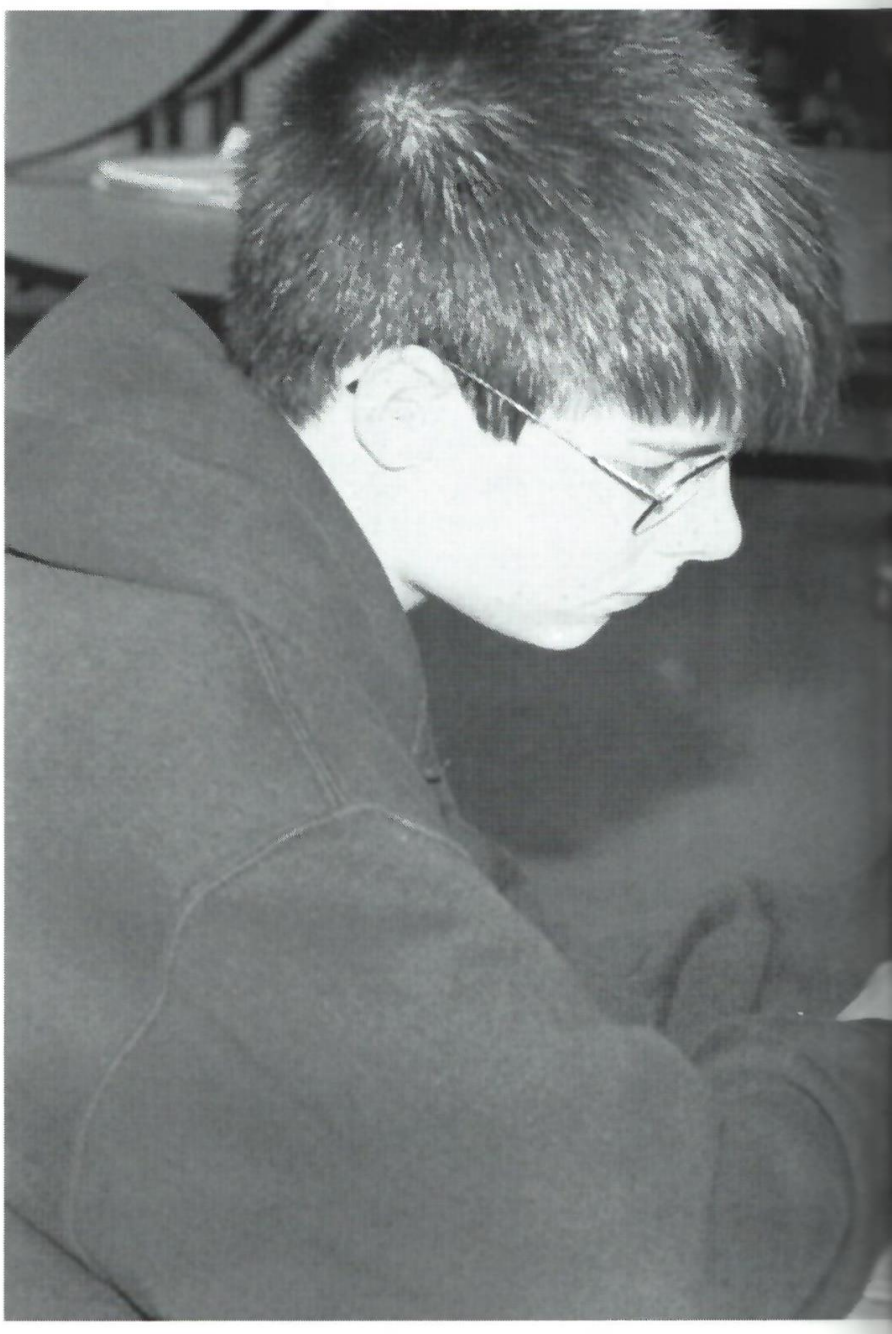


Toolbox

Speak up

Missy Kelly
10]

The life inside a gym bag

- Nike shoes
- Abercrombie perfume
- hair brush
- athletic shorts and t-shirt

Senior NHS member Cassie Johnson helps in part to induct junior Chase Hinzmann into NHS. It was a great honor for students to belong to the organization, because it took a 3.5 grade point average and 10 hours of volunteerism to gain membership. PHOTO BY ESTER HELLMAN

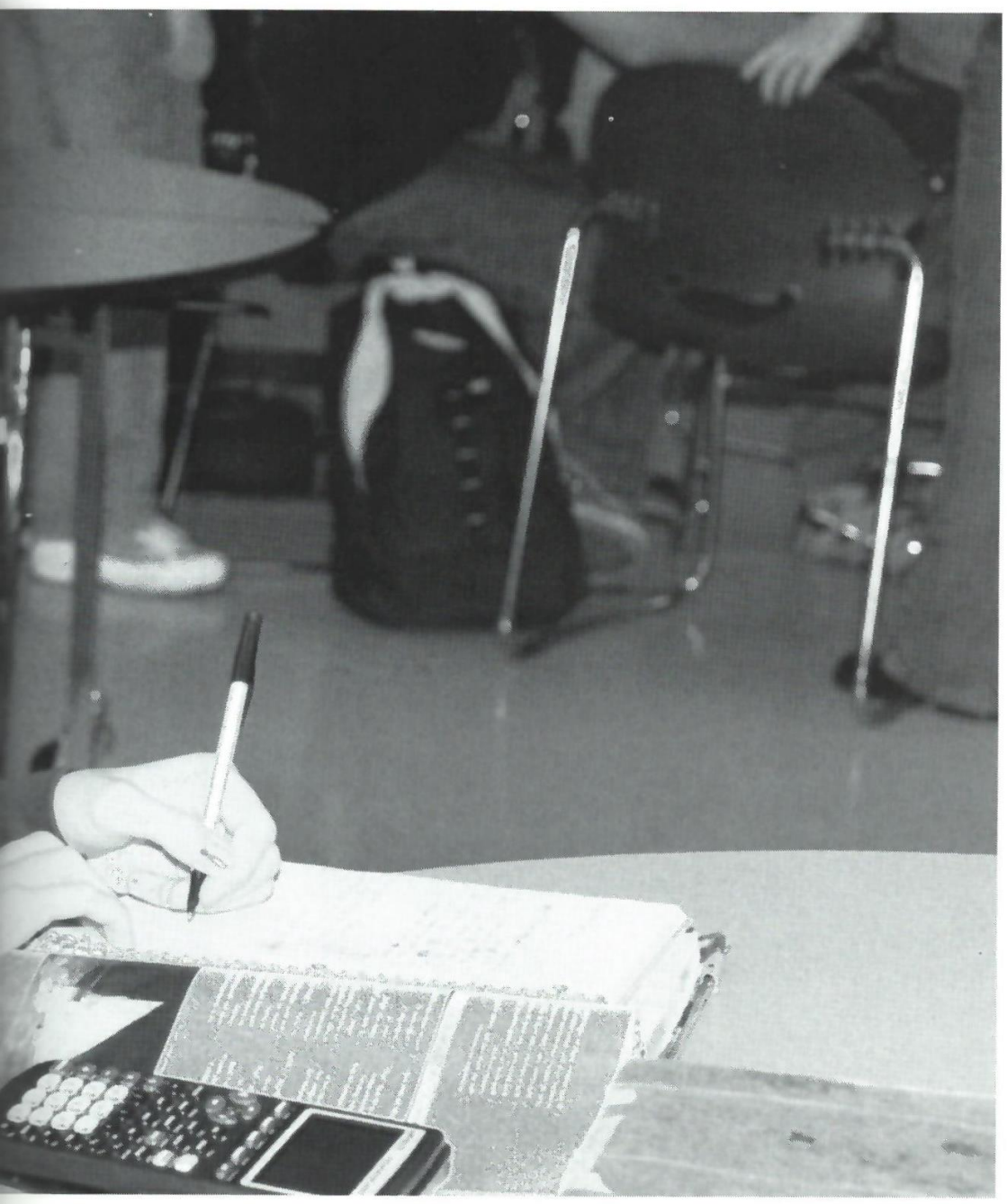
Setting academic goals for the year had been popular among students that strived to do well and achieved in school. Therefore, teens set high expectations at the beginning of the year and worked toward them as the semester progressed. Setting high standards helped students study more and pay attention in class.

In order to do well in school, some teens stayed up at night cramming for exams and working on the latest project that was due in class. At times it put a damper on their social life, but when students had set a goal, they made sure to reach it.

"When I tell myself that I am going to get good grades this year, I make sure that I do. I work hard, study for tests, and do all of my homework to reach my goal," junior **Mike Hinckley** said.

Although there were numerous pressures that went along with reaching a school goal, achieving it was worth all the effort that students put into it.

"It's awesome when I get my report card and realize after all the stress that I went through, that it was well worth my hard work!" Hinckley said.



Junior Jonathan LeGrand studies for a chemistry test. Chemistry teacher Dan Parkison recommended at least an hour of studying before every exam. PHOTO BY ASHLEY ROSENBOOM

[Tip]

advice From

Make sure that you always study for your tests because one low score can affect your whole semester grade!

Natalie Johansen
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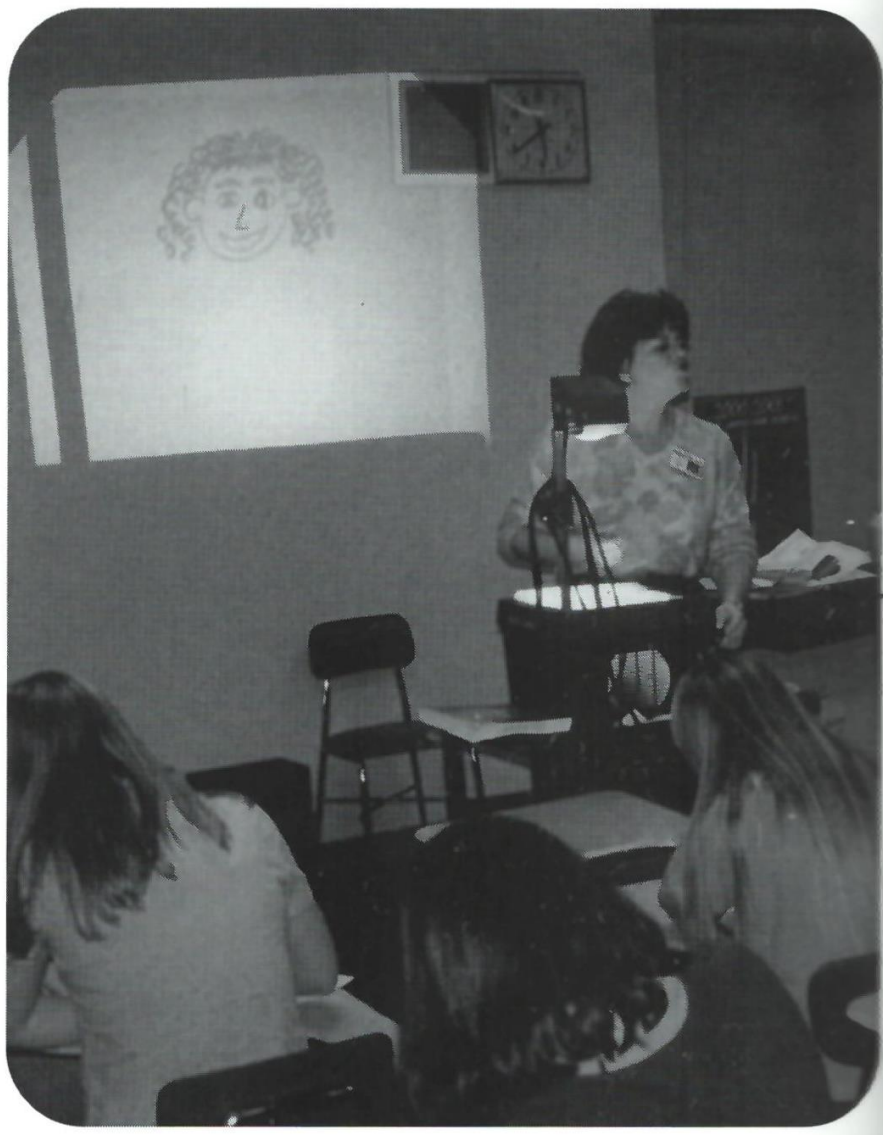
Jennifer Cooper

to learn differently

Sophomores Danny Schumann and Matt Hazard skim through magazines for a collage. Comfortable atmospheres often helped students relax a little.
PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

Latin teacher Julia Kolander reviews the homework from the previous day. Teachers used overheads and other devices to help students visualize what needed to be done. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN



Studying in a learning circle is senior Jeff Wattenhofer, junior Clark Youngman, and senior Ryan Bosselman. In pre-calculus, they learned the quadratic equation.
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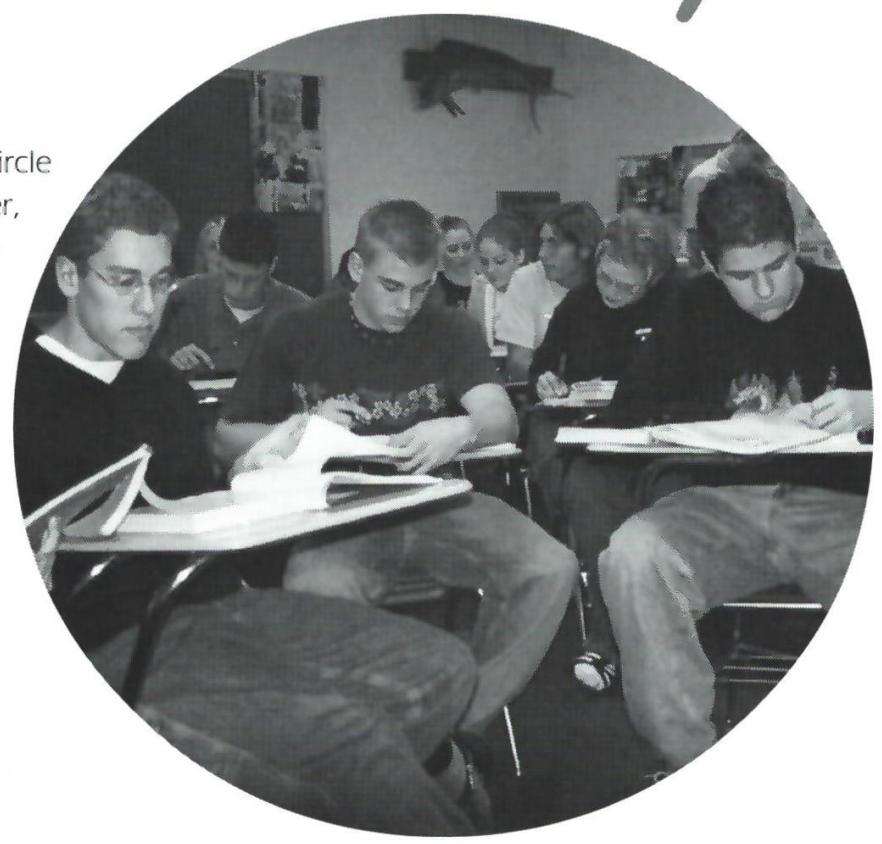
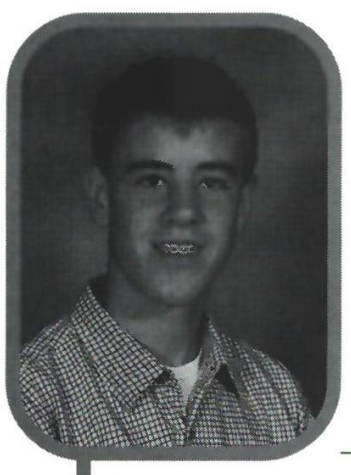




Toolbox

The life inside a wallet

- money
- pictures of friends
- Bakers card
- student I.D.

Speak up

Matt Ledbetter

Learning atmospheres could affect a student's success. Different atmospheres did affect grades, participation skills, and the subject matter. Students believed all of these things had a major affect on them as a person and as a student.

"I like a quiet atmosphere because it is easier to concentrate and get work done," freshmen **Peter Shannon** said.

Likewise, other students needed to visualize things more than hearing things. Students said they could remember how to do things correctly when they saw them in "their mind's eye".

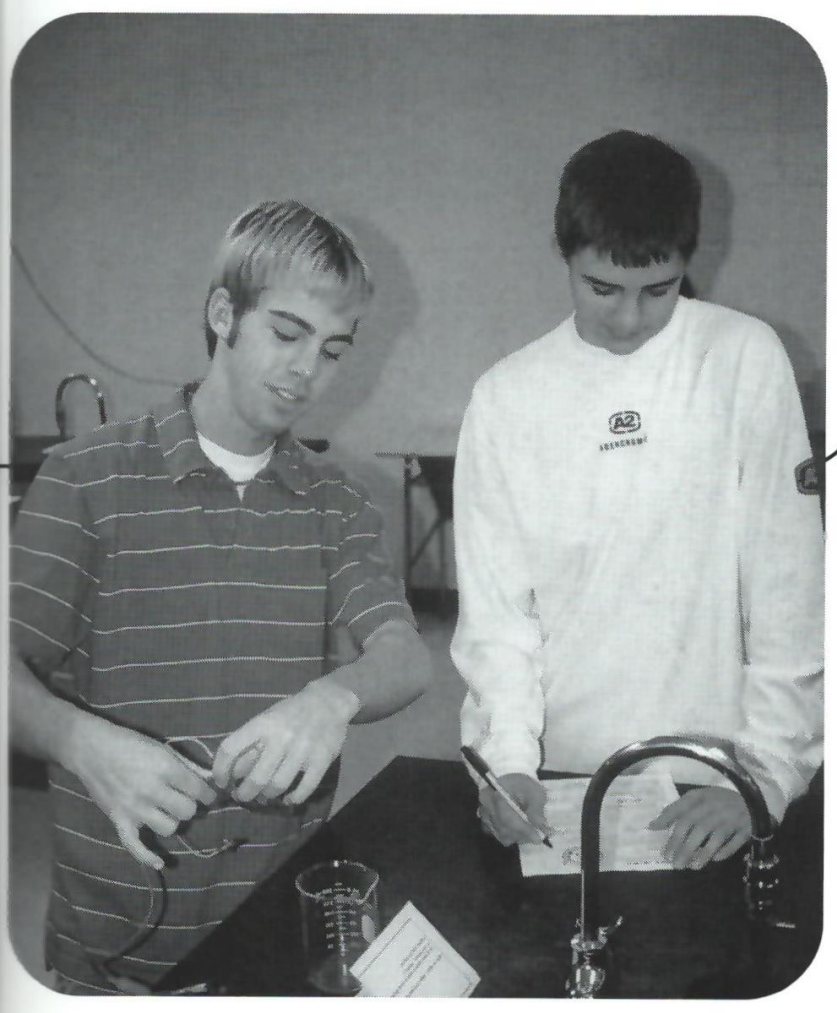
"I like it when teachers show us how to do something because then I know how to do it better," junior **Josh Levine** said.

However, English and drama teacher, **Janis Fischer**, had her own teaching method philosophy.

"I like to use a lot of interaction with students, and I want everyone to love the material as much as I do," Fischer said.

Clearly, quiet atmospheres and visualizations all contributed to a quality learning experience, which made learning easier for students.

Junior Cole Cippera and sophomore Craig Johnson work on a chemistry lab. Students were required to experiment with different chemicals. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN



[Tip] advice From

Don't start studying for tests the night before because you'll cram all the information in, and you won't remember anything.

Nick Brand [10

Sophomore Mike Burgess, senior Jeff Ganow, and sophomore J.T. Field take spark plugs out of a 1967 Chevy. This was one of their projects in Energy Systems class.
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Senior Brier Jirka gets help with DECA from business teacher Gary Waldron. DECA sold Christmas items for a fundraiser ranging from $5 to $15. PHOTO BY NATE MARQUISS

Business teacher Bruce Reed helps freshman Layne DeSpiegelaere in Computer Technology class. In this class students learned how to work with programs like Microsoft Word and Excel. PHOTO BY NATE MARQUISS

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way to plan ahead

Senior Jon Gregory welds parts on a project in an industrial tech class. He made parts for an electric car that was to be ran in the annual OPPD race in the spring. PHOTO BY NATE MARQUISS

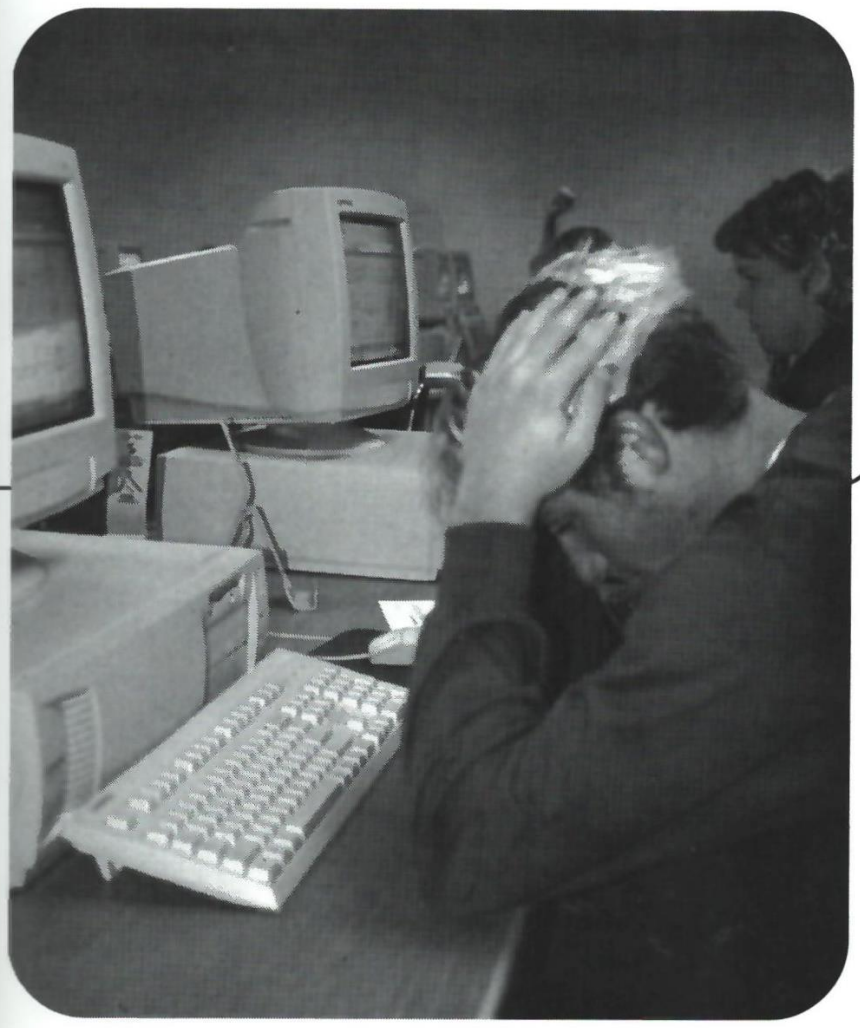
Toolbox

The life inside a purse

- money
- tons of different lipglosses
- pictures
- pen and calculator

Speak up

Nicole Bloodworth



Senior Joe Ruback and junior Kim Lowery work in a computer class. When asked about the most frustrating thing in these types of classes, Ruback said, "When things don't get explained the right way." PHOTO BY NATE MARQUISS

Choosing the most beneficial classes for the future was important for students. They had different plans for the future, so picking the classes that would benefit their goals was critical.

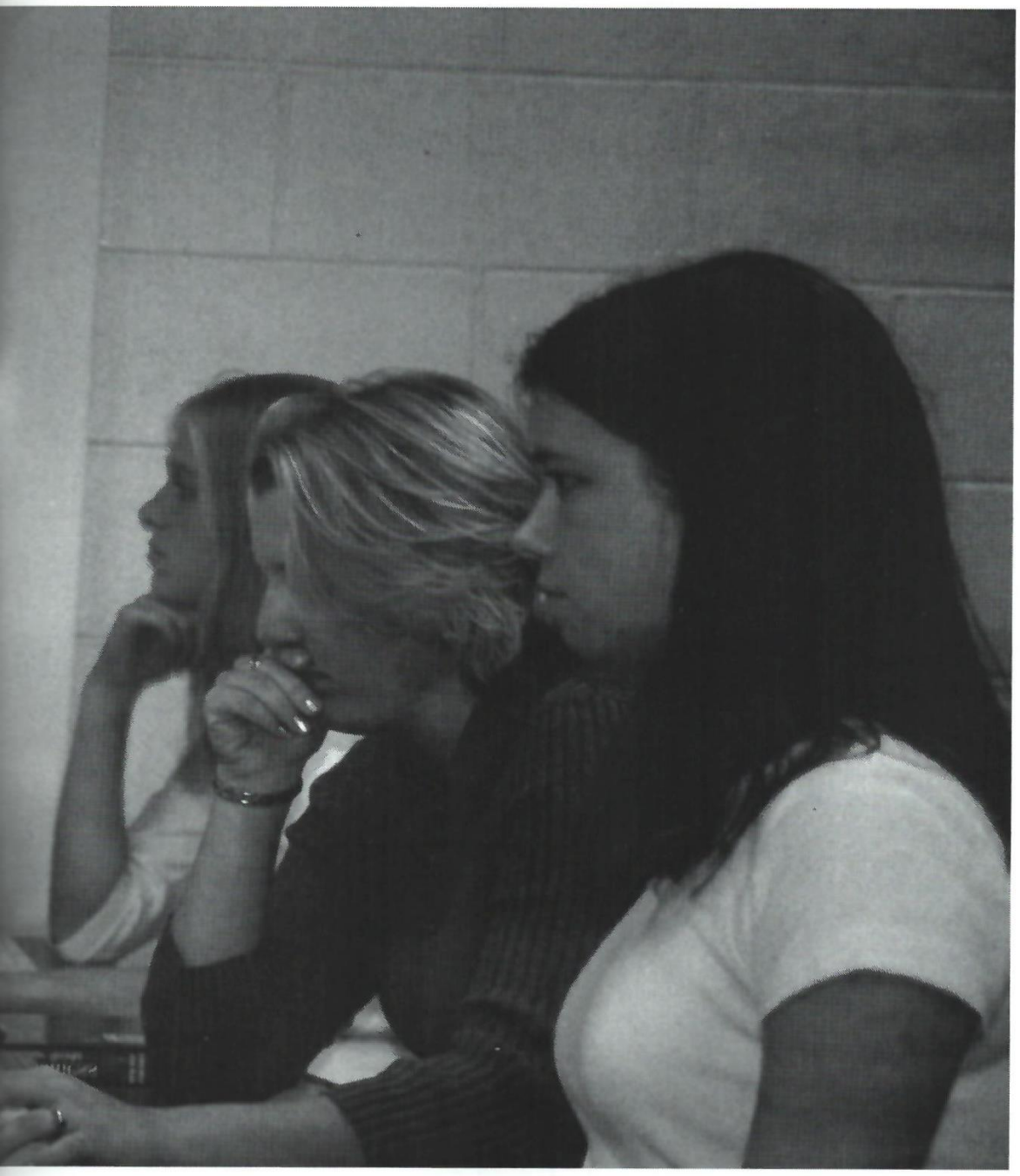
"When the time comes to pick new classes, I always try to think about the near future and what requirements there are to graduate, but also a main concern is what will prepare me for college and what will help me with my career choice," junior **Diane Johansen said**.

Many students thought computer classes were the most important.

"I think that classes dealing with communicating in a professional way would really help kids out for the future in whatever career field they enter." freshman **Andy Kerkhoff** said.

Taking a variety of classes proved very important for other students.

"The main thing that will help me out at this point in my life is to be well-rounded and explore all of the areas that I have interests in and that will help me get into a college because I can build on the knowledge that I gain from those classes." Johansen said.



[Tip]

advice From

Whenever you have a test over definitions of words, it works best to make flash cards and have your mom quiz you.

Jonny Day
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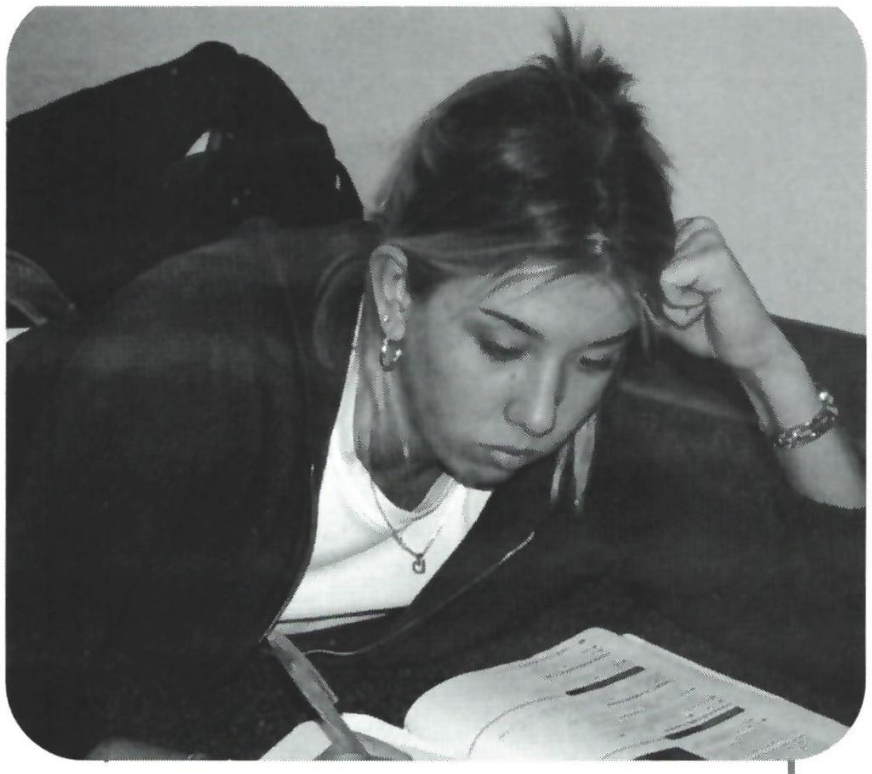
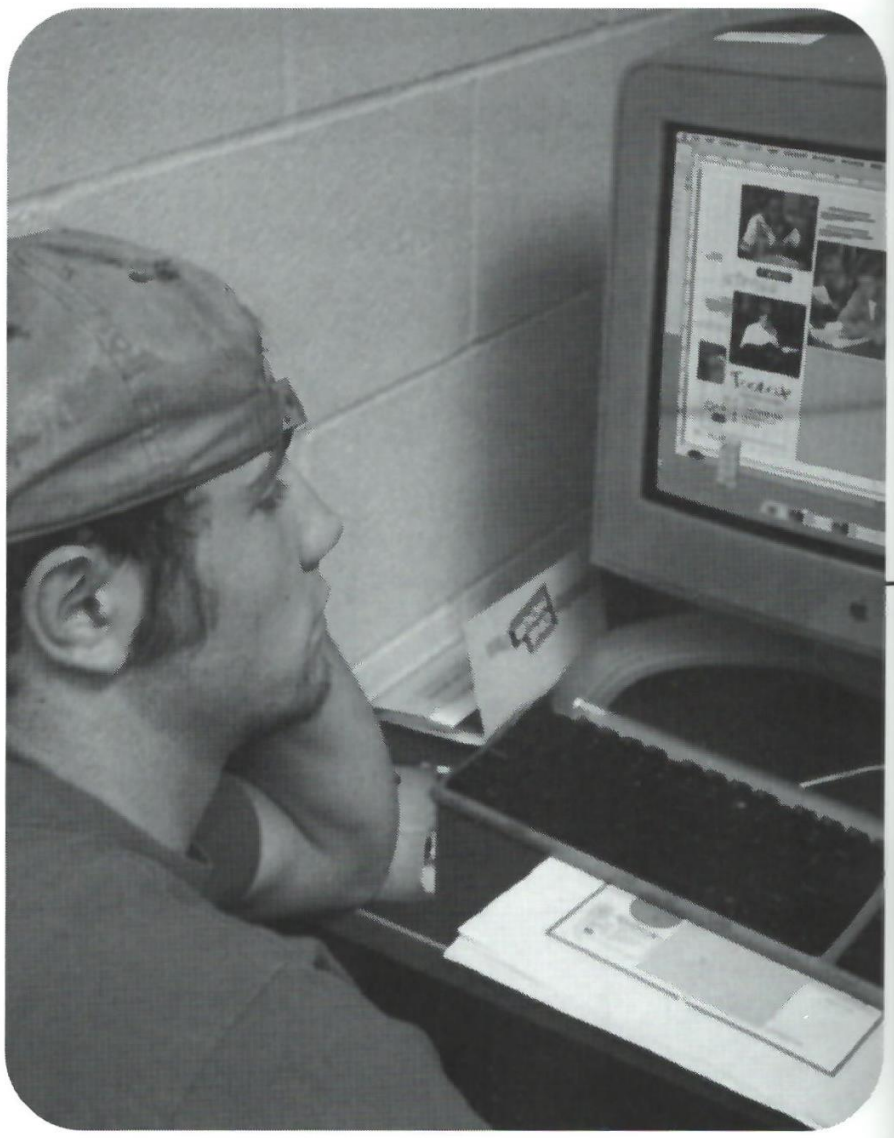
Seniors Jill Robinson, Samantha Rogers, and Amy Johnson work in a computer class. Classes like computer applications helped to prepare students for college. PHOTO BY NATE MARQUISS



Reviewing material before a math test is junior Candice Kellogg. Kellogg used her spare time in other classes to study. PHOTO BY JOSH CHEEK

Placing pictures on a spread for yearbook is senior Nate Marquiss. It was his responsibility to make sure they were done correctly. PHOTO BY JOSH CHEEK



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Lindsey Dame

it all led to stress

Junior Kristy Wilke sighs with relief. Wilke found most classes to be overly stressful when it came to tests.
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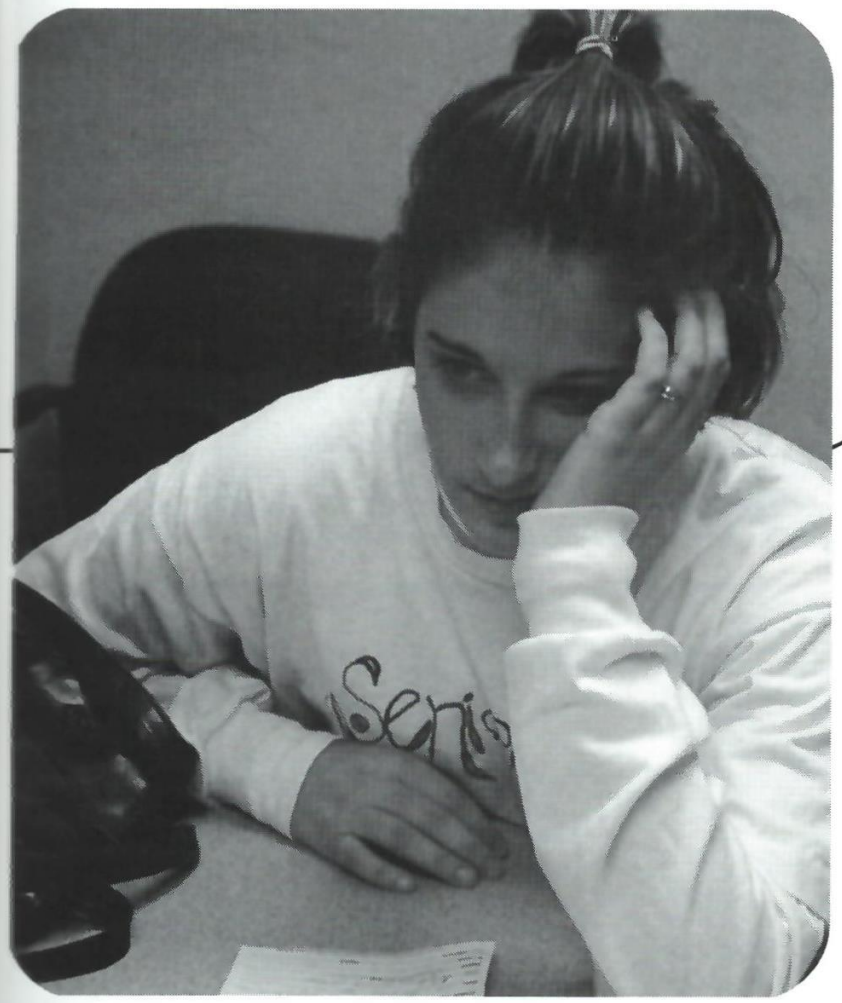
Toolbox

The life inside a stressed mind

- abandonment for bad grades
- nagging teachers
- having a low paying job
- going bald

Speak Up

Jenny Heineman



Senior Ellen Dixon takes a breather from her homework. On top of after school activities, athletes had to balance physical and mental strength. PHOTO BY JOSH CHEEK

It was midnight and the paper that was assigned at the beginning of the week was due the next day. The classic symptoms of fatigue started to set in.

This was a familiar scene to many students while trying to keep grades up. With college applications to fill out, some opted to take advanced placement courses.

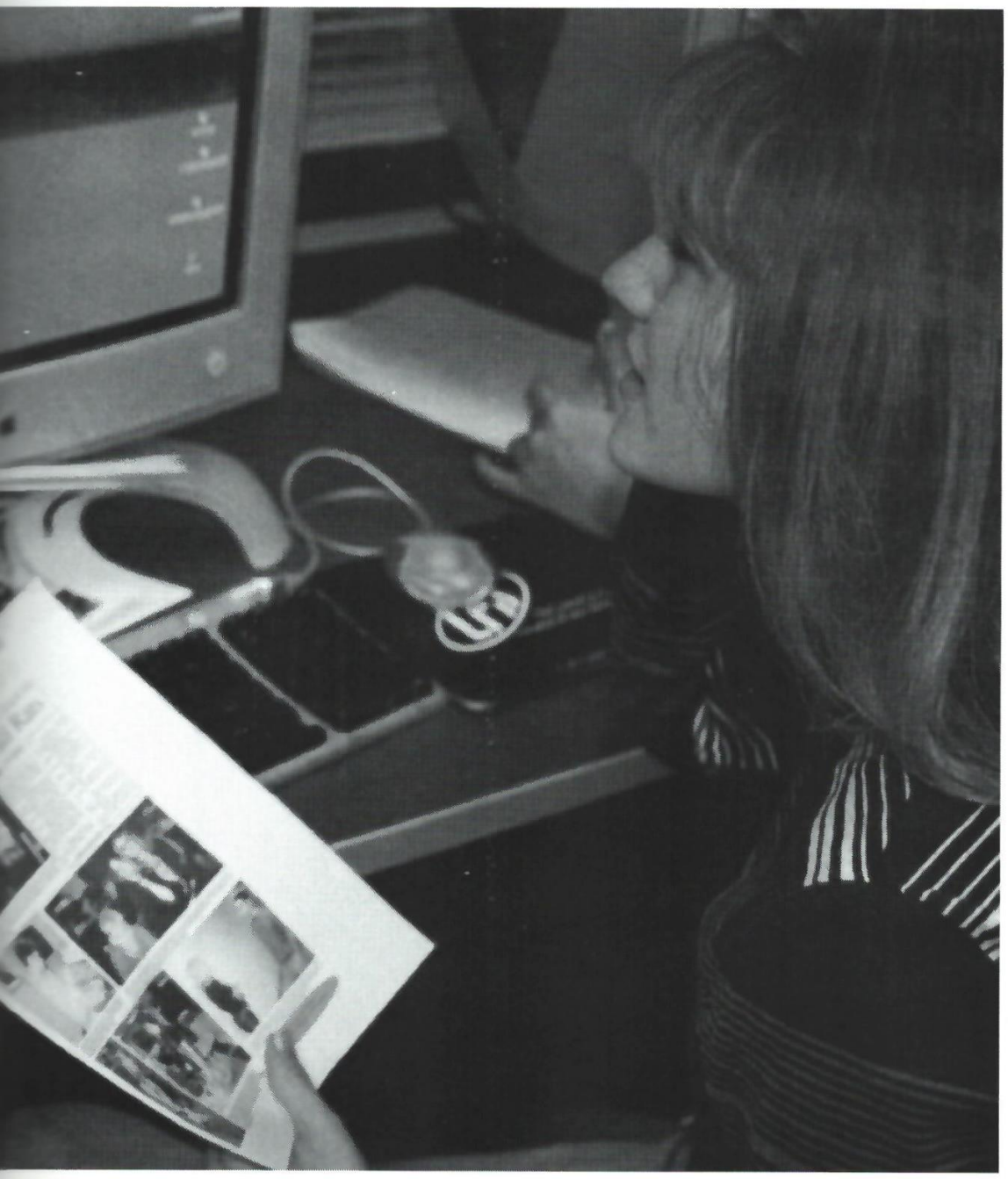
"AP chemistry is my most stressful class. I decided to take this class because it would look good on my college transcripts. I don't think stress is so much of a bad thing because it helps you out in the long run," senior **Matt McVey** said.

While homework and simply understanding all the material covered was hard enough in itself, testing proved to add to the chaos in students' lives.

"My classes are stressful because all of the tests seem to fall on the same day. There's never any time to study," junior **Kristy Wilke** said.

As much as school stress was considered to be a bad part of everyone's life, good points could be found among the bad.

"The stress makes me work harder to achieve a better grade," McVey said.



Working on a page for the *Hoofbeat* are seniors Stephanie Penner and Tara Dinslage. The page took nearly a week to complete before it was sent in to be published. PHOTO BY JOSH CHEEK

[Tip] advice From

Don't procrastinate. It's not worth losing sleep over a project that you may have had lots of time to do.

Megan Claus
[12

history club

front- Sarah Weber, Sarah Johnson, Danielle Clapper, Laura Szabo; **second row-** David Graff, Jenny Hautzinger, Diane Johansen, Luke Holt, Sarah Wilson; **back-** Matthew Semisch, Tony Daniel, Adam Mohr, Angela Reisen, Beth Erickson, Dayton Headlee; **not pictured-** Alex Millard, Kevin O'Driscoll.

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deca

front- Shawn Peterson, Kevin O'Driscoll, Brenna Carson, Advisor Gary Waldron; **second row-** Carrie Bahde, Mike Kasworm, Tony Pirruccello, Katie Braunger, Jessica Beamis, Jeff Ebert; **back-** Lisa Zahm, Kerry Kimbrough, Jenny Peterson, Julie Rosenbaugh, Kelsey Moore, Dane Lenhard; not pictured- Anna Goodlin, Kyle Olig, Rob Schnieder

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info

Advisor: Gary Waldron
Presidents: Jessica Beamis and Katie Braunger
Vice Presidents : Anna Goodlin, Kyle Olig, Tony Pirruccello, Rob Schneider

American history advisor Maureen Konwinski rides a bicycle at the American History museum. AP American history took a one-day field trip to Washington D.C. in November PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY KARA BACON

DECA raised money by selling Otis Spunkmeyer Cookies before school, volunteering at the Lydia House for battered women and the homeless, and held a Santa Photo for state officer candidates. They added fun by going to Worlds of Fun and to Vala's Pumpkin Patch.

info

Advisor: Kim Vawter
President: Laura Jowdy (Lit. Mag.), Kellen Dailey (Broadcast)
Vice Presidents: Beth Erickson, Mark Hautzinger, Bethany Meuleners (literay magazine)
Secretary: Jordan Niebur
Treasurer: Jordan Niebur

The **Literary Magazine** Club raised money by selling food at the concession stand during basketball games. This money was used to produce three issues of literary magazine. At a poetry contest, they received the NCTE award. The Broadcast club recorded music audition tapes, Latin readings , and had a meeting with Shirley Rooker Basketball Announcing opportunity.

.clubs. where were you?

language club (Japanese) not pictured

Advisor . Bill Cunningham
Co-Presidents . Matt Mitchell, Dannielle Engle
Secretary . Jeff Paulison
Treasurer . Ariel Chi
Activity Coordinators: Sarah Lorimor, Charlene Engle. Fundraiser: sold candle with Kanji sale. Awards: Matt Mitchell passed the 9th level Literacy exam administered by the Japanese Ministry of Education. Service Projects: conversation partners for Japanese students studying in the United States.

broadcast club not pictured

Dustin Keefe, Brandon Streebin, Kellen Daily, Shane Streebin, Tony Cimino, Chris Eledge, Dan Johnson, Greg Seaman, Matt Wiedenman, Andrew Gerhold, Kimmy Smith, Joel Kardell, Jeff Brockett, Ryan Dell, Mandy Tifft, Ashlen Johnson

language club (Spanish) not pictured

Advisor Becky Jones, Kristin Lyon

Advisor. Maureen Konwinski
President. Sarah Wilson
Vice President. Kate Harman
Secretary. Adam Mohr
Treasurer. Adam Mohr

The **History Club** had fundraisers such as candy sales and St. Patrick's Day tatoos. The money was used to pay for transportation and entrances to places on their Seattle trip.

Advisor . Brenda Stewart

language club (German)

front- Krystal Overmyer, Tony Werner; **second** -Brent Kendall; **back**-Laura Szabo, Cami Clements, Beth Erickson, Dani Mangiamelli, Lisa Phelan, Sara Gonnion, Bradley Brennan. PHOTO BY NATE MARQUISS

The **German Club** had many social events including Deutschers Do Dining, having a picnic and sleding at Mahony State Park, ice skating, and bowling with the Japanese Club. As of press time, the club was to host the NASG convention on May 5.

writers club

Laura Lybeck, Amanda Naro, Megan Hill, Kiley Wilke, Kari Shell, Jenny Dembowski, advisor Kim Vawter, Krista Stearnes PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

literary magazine

Ariana Jones, Bethany Meuleners, Laura Jowdy, Kim Vawder, Jordan Nieuber, Jeff Hall, Mark Hautzinger, Krystal Overmyer
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Advisor: Denny Owens
President: Deanna Johnson
Vice President: Tracy Darmody
Secretary: Abby Boettner
Treasurer: Rona Vergo

The **Senior Class Board** had a senior forum on the first Wednesday of every month. Their fundraisers included the senior class picture and class t-shirts. The money they collected from the fundraisers went to the senior class gift to the school (undecided at press time). They also planned the senior breakfast and senior class video.

senior class board

front-Tracy Darmody, Deanna Johnson, Rona Vergo, Abby Boettner; **second row**-Jenny Kriens, Natalie McCart, Cassi Johnson, Julie Gist, Natalie Oakley; **third row**-Melissa Worley, Emily McCart, Kellie Ohrt, Alex Millard, Katie Braunger; **back**-Seth Bryant, Megan Mullins, Lyle McConaughy, David Graff, Joshua Amick

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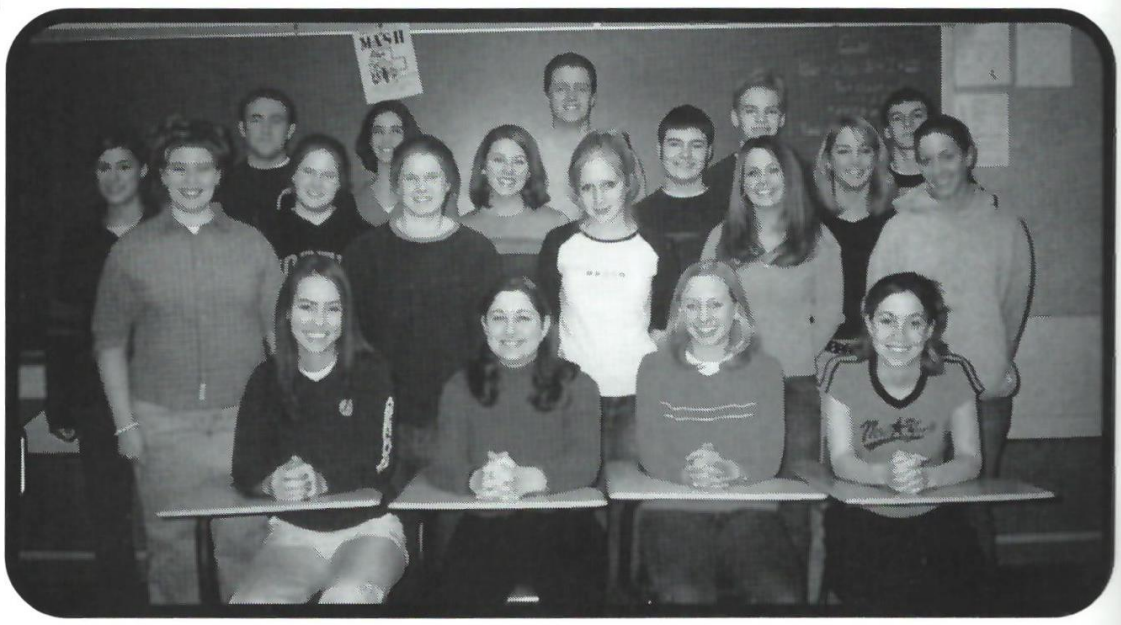

junior class board

front- Mark Schulte, Shawn Peterson, Cindy Gottschalck, Lynsey Chestnut, Terri Rhodes, Andrew Junk; **second row-** Advisor Keith Neth, Ashley Rohrig, Jenni Wells, Courtney Anderson, Bret Dennis, Alice Chiou, Stephanie Hix; **third row-** Kaeli Samson, Raj Lulla, Amy Kopecky, Becca Shaw, Jenna West, Patrick Wu, Val Chermok; **back-** Mark Bryant, Colleen Brown, Kristin Lamprecht, Allie Lepp, Kristi Krieger, Ashley Muth, Bradley Moore

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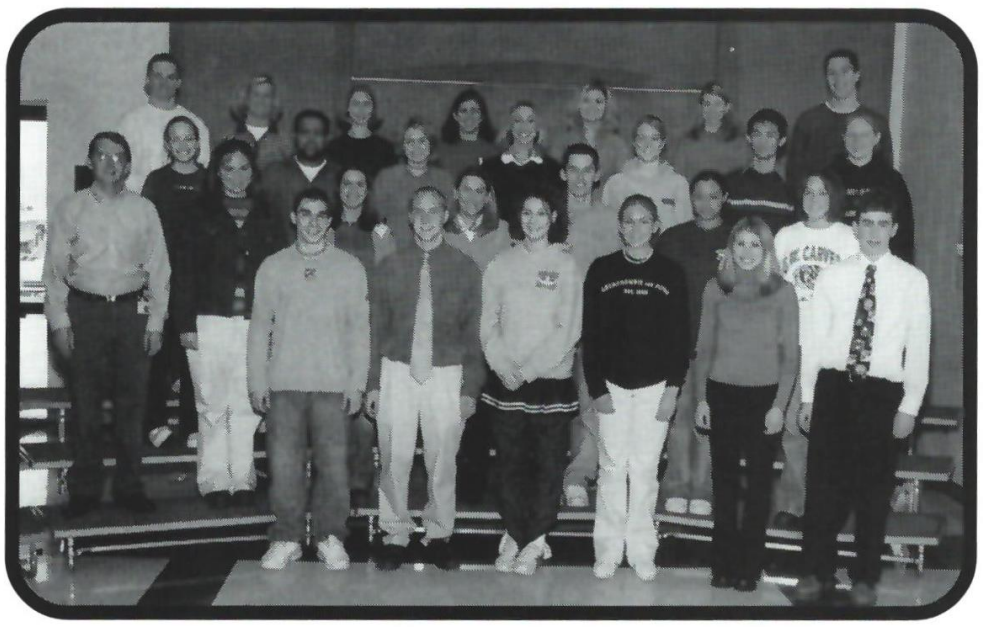

Organizing pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald house are juniors Terri Rhodes and Ashley Amick. During second hour, students collected pop tabs to win a gnome and a dunce cap.

PHOTO BY CANDICE KELLOGG

info

Advisor: Keith Neth
Co-Presidents: Bret Dennis, Stephanie Hix
Secretary: Courtney Anderson
Treasurer: Brad Moore

The **Junior Class Board** raised money by having pizza, and t-shirt sales, as well as a raffle for Prom memorabilia. Social events included hayrack rides and going on a field trip to UNO. JCB was responsible for organizing Prom.

info

Advisor: Bev Johnson
President: Cole Hyvonen
Vice President: Angela Selzle
Secretary: Kellie Ohrt
Treasurer: Cassi Johnson

National Honor Society tutored, helped with the Cody Study Club, and volunteered at the Salvation Army and the Western Heritage Museum. Members of NHS excessed of 3600 hours of service over the year, and fundraised for Mr. and Ms. Mustang. They also participated in the Nebraska Paint-a-Thon and Metro Dance.

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volunteers in action

front-Kelsie Williamson, Jennifer Bruce, Sarah Robinson, LeAnn Mills, Chris Hurd, Donnie Green, Jill Robeson; **second row**- Doan Lai, Karolina Mank, Amy Schroeder, Jenna West, Melanie Benesh, Elizabeth Hamilton, Sandy Tomczak, Lori Neal; **back**-Jessica Wootton, Dena Dahlkoetter, Natalie Oakley, Emily Gartner, Andra Rizor, Jenny Paskach, Michelle Derby, David Lin PHOTO BY MARTIN PHOTOGRAPHY

Advisor: Lance Ott

Volunteers in Action had many service projects including crop walk, MNHS blood drive, Habitat for Humanity, canned food drive in the spring, and working at the open door mission. They also received an award for the most money collected by a high school group, for the Hope Center. The prize was a Destiny's Child Concert at MN.

Seniors Elizabeth Ory and Shelly Tifft made valentines for the Fitzgerald Nursing Home. Members of National Honor Society were always searching for new ways to make people happy on holidays. PHOTO BY SHEILA PEDERSEN

national honor society [seniors]

front-Matt Shively, Kristin Lyon, Emily McCart, Natalie McCart, Todd King, Alex Millard, David Graff, Eric Johnson; **second row**- advisor Vicki Griffin, Joanna Kay, Amy Struebing, Jenny Kriens, Meagan Smigelsky, Angela Selzle, Kellie Ohrt, Cassi Johnson, Sam Pfalzgraff, Jon Thompson; **third row**- Ben Nelson, Katie Freeman, Amy Schmidt, Lisa Phelan, Danielle Gray, Melissa Covey, Krystle Kennedy, Audrey Tapprich,. Elizabeth Ory, Shelley Tifft, Kelsie Williamson; **fourth row**- Lyle McConaughy, Stephanie Alm, Beth Erickson, Amanda Holland, Carina McCormick, Tracy Darmody, Pete Huspodka, Adam Hughes, Bob Schaffart, Rona Vergo, advisor Bev Johnson; **back**- Dimitri Adloff, Allison Balcetis, Megan Blair, Dannielle Engle, Stefanie Osuniga, Brooke Johnson, Jill Robeson, Niki Wagelie, Bethany Meuleners, Eric Bender, Brad Pearson PHOTO BY BILLINGS PHOTOGRAPHY

national honor society [juniors]

front- Sam Vasta, Laura Arndt, Jeanette Bossard, Sarah Wilson, Melanie Benesh, Terri Rhodes, Michelle Linbo, Jenna West; **second row**- Jessie Schaffer, Steph McSharry, Shannon Miller, Carrie Bahde, Sarah Robinson, Rachel McCune, Courtney Anderson, Kristin Peterson, Bethany Peterson, Bret Dennis, Kevin O'Driscoll; **third row**- Kyla Bauer, Kristen Clark, Sarah Vanderood, Kristen Parrish, Diane Johansen, Megan Poppens, Megan Graber, Kirbi Long, Vickie Lee, Nic Rotschafer, Rachel Dellovechio, Angie Janis, Val Chermok, Danielle Hartle; **fourth row**- Vicki Griffin, Sarah Campbell, Nora Ferneding, LeAnn Mills, Jenny Paskach, Matt Muehling, Brenna O'Connor, Brandon Fischer, Alice Chiou, Katie Berge, Audrey Brassill, Adeola Kosoko, Maura Trauernicht, Counselor Bev Johnson; fifth- Alicia Thorson, Brigit Aikins, Lori Neal, Preston Mesick, James Wingert, Mark Antonson, Candace Westman, Brian Uhrig, Adam Sinley, Patrick Wu, Krystal Overmyer, Andy Culp, Kate Harman, Bradley Moore; **back**- Kristin Lamprecht, Ashley Muth, Raj Lulla, Katrina Cherney, Katy Short, Tara Dobmeier, Amy Kopecky, Brooke Olsen, Katie Dischler, Christi Greene, Ashley Foley, Jessica Loyd, Colleen Brown, Ashley Renshaw, Nicole Johnson, Michael Bruntz; PHOTO BY BILLINGS PHOTOGRAPHY

fccla

front - Megan Warren, Ashley Anderson, Whitney Lapier, Amanda Alloway, Lauren Feigin; Ryan Summers; **second row**- Sara Schweid, Megan Santamaria, Chelsea Meier; **third row**- Eliana Eliopoulos, Kelsey Moore, Melissa Onstead, Lindsey Gleed, Kim Burnham, Casey Schenck, Carrie Nielsen, Nicole Caputo, Michelle Rushing; **back** - Katie Schmidt, Angie Keegan; Advisor Shari Owen; Not Pictured- Laura Powers, Candace Westman, Ashley Borchers, Bethany Sedlacek, Kelsey Riewer, Shawn Peterson.

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chess club

front- Jim Hossack,Mark Kitchell, Dayton Headlee, Craig Steinacher, John Lin, William Wendl; **back**- Rob Weaver, advisor Bob Yakus;

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Advisor: Bob Yakus

info

Freshman Dayton Headlee puts freshman John Lin into check. Headlee was inspired to play chess when his mother bought him a beginning chess book at age five. Lin has been playing chess for the last six years.

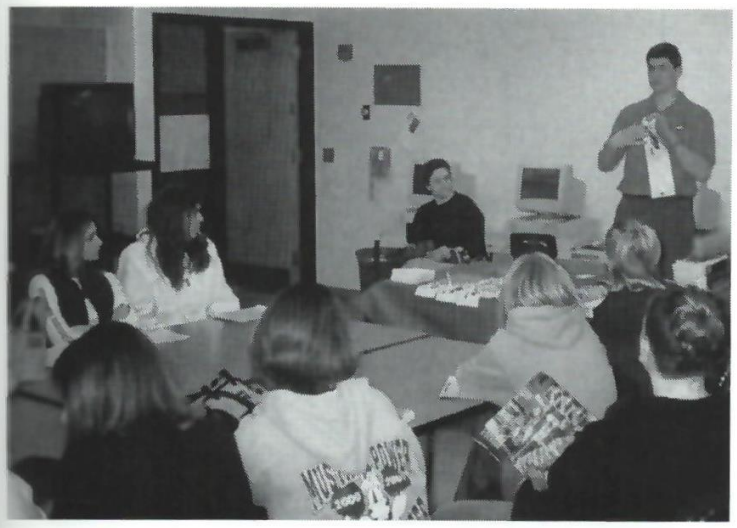
PHOTO BY CANDACE KELLOG

The **chess team** met weekly from October through March. They had the state competition in March. The results will be in the supplement.

info

Advisor . Carol Kuhn

The major activities for the **FEA club** were teacher shadowing and attending the UNO showcase of teachers.

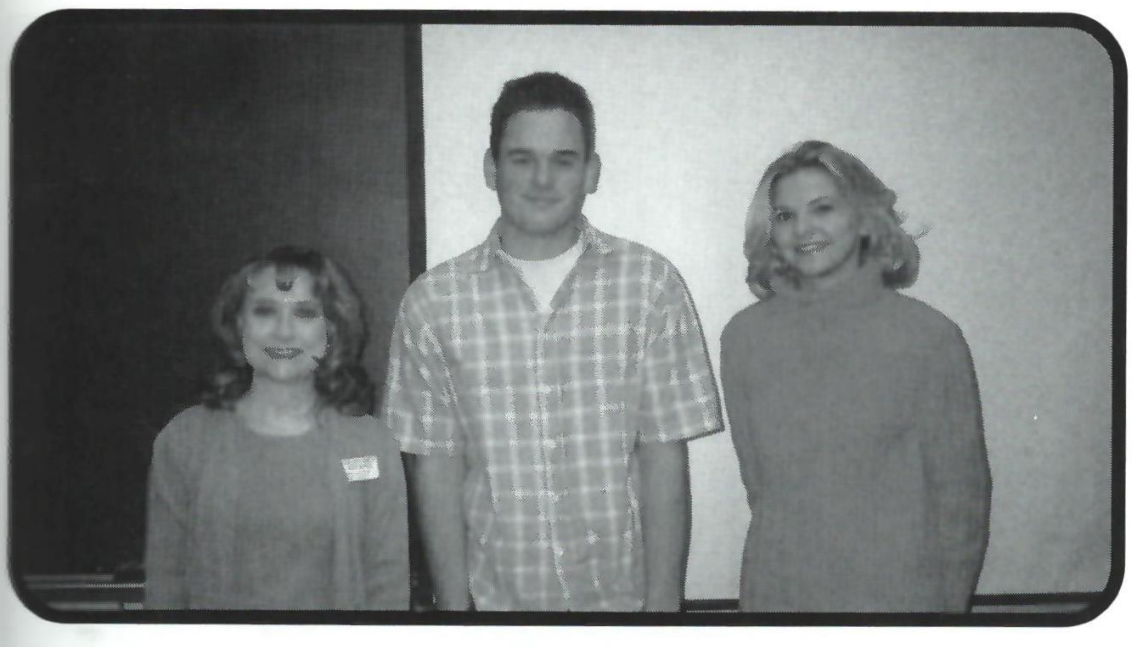


Wyhe's Choice fundraising representative, explains to FCCLA members, the butter bread braid which is a frozen pastry bread. Members sold the bread in March for $6.50. Profits went for community service. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

info

Advisor . Sheri Owen

Around the holidays the FCCLA adopted eleven children from the Nebraska Children's Home. It was a fund raising event where they raised $300. The money was put towards the children's Christmas wish lists and then was delivered. They also particpated in Penny Wars where the money was donated to the Hope Center and brought in a Destiny's Child concert as a reward for the student body.



mustangs making a difference

front- Advisor Jenna Jones, Mike Hinckley, Jenny Ploughman; not pictured; James Cook, Angela Selzle, Jenny Kriens, John Stutznegger, Dave Fitzekam PHOTO BY JOSH CHEEK

info

Advisor . Jenna Jones

Many members of this club were active as parking monitors. They had Officer Matson speak on "ecstasy" to the group, and had Officer John Young speak at the POPS program on personal safety, especially on college campuses. They were also instrumental in having motivational speaker John Crudele speak to the entire student body on making good choices.

Advisor Carol Kuhn helps junior Jessica Pierson and freshman Laura Groggle look over possible schools to visit. FEA helped students get ready to go in the real world by shadowing teachers to get experience.
PHOTO BY CANDICE KELLOGG

future educators of America

front- Courtney Drucker (student teacher), Nicole Johnson, advisor Carol Kuhn, Tamara Grove; not pictured: Kate Koerten, Jessica Pierson, Laura Groggle. PHOTO BY SHEILA PEDERSEN

student council 9-10

front- Jacob Friedman, Andrea Comisar, Sara Schweid, Dan Dischler, Austin Meier, Matt Jessick, Molly Meyerink, Leslie Piaskowski, Marisa Taylor, Laura Graff; **second row**- Erin Cantrell, Anna Kolbeck, Aimee Thompson, Erica Jones, Angela Sulley, Hannah Bryan, Bailey Thompson, Ariel Clu, Layne Despiegelaere, Paul Mason, Brian Kronberg; **third row**- Maha Sidhom, Doan Lai, Karolina Mank, Justin Gillinsky, Kristen Brumm, Elizabeth Hamilton, Kaitlyn Fischer, Nicole Riedl, PanyHamzehi; **fourth row**- Paige Frazier, Corinne Shields, Cameron Deremer, Allie Willensky, Joanna Liu, Lauren Banghert, Alex Lasley, Lindsey Dennell, Cacy Barnard, Erin Pirruccello, Alisson Swanson, Catherine Mack; **back**- Kristi Vrtiska, Alyson Carstens, Natalie Johansen, Jessica Gould, Julie Molacek, Jessica Pettinger, Kylie Kasper, Jamie Traut, Jessica Querry, Jenny Miller, Leighann Thagard, Megan Duell, Cecilly Cinotto; Not Pictured- Allyson Schneiderwind

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student council 11-12

front- Khanh Lai, Kevin O'Driscoll, Bret Dennis, Patrick Wu, Tara Dobmeier, Jill Robeson, Lindsey Solomon, Elisabeth Ring, Angela Selzle, Jenny Ploughman; **second row**- Michelle Rushing, Kyla Bauer, Ashley Borchers, Kirbi Long, Jamie Evans, Josh Corrigan, Tony Werner, Kate Koerten, Ashley Jessick, Toni Wilshusen, Chelsea Meier; **third row**- Laura Powers, Amanda Boardman, Katy Short, Rachel Moore, Ashley Roley, Michelle Linbo, Spencer Bartlett, Mike Hinckley, Sarah Ehly, Jessica Pierson, Erin Kronberg, Chip Tredway; **fourth row**- Advisor Mirm Tredway, Advisor Stephanie Mallisee, Katie Dischler, Nicole Johnson, Nora Ferneding, Lynsey Chesnut, Todd King, Andrea Hampton, Vandy Bauer, Ashley Renshaw, Jessica Loyd, Kristi Wilke, Matthew Monciuais; **back**- Advisor Donn Kasner, Christi Greene, Brenna O'Connor, Lindsey Johnson, Carina McCormick, Susan Mongar, Amanda West, Megan Poppens, Diane Johansen, Audry Brassill, Kelsey Riewer, Stephanie McSharry, Kristin Parrish

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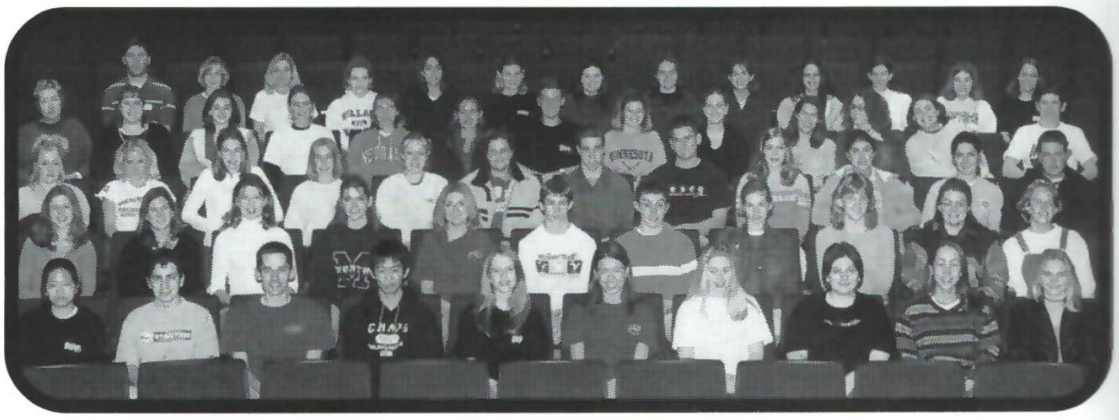

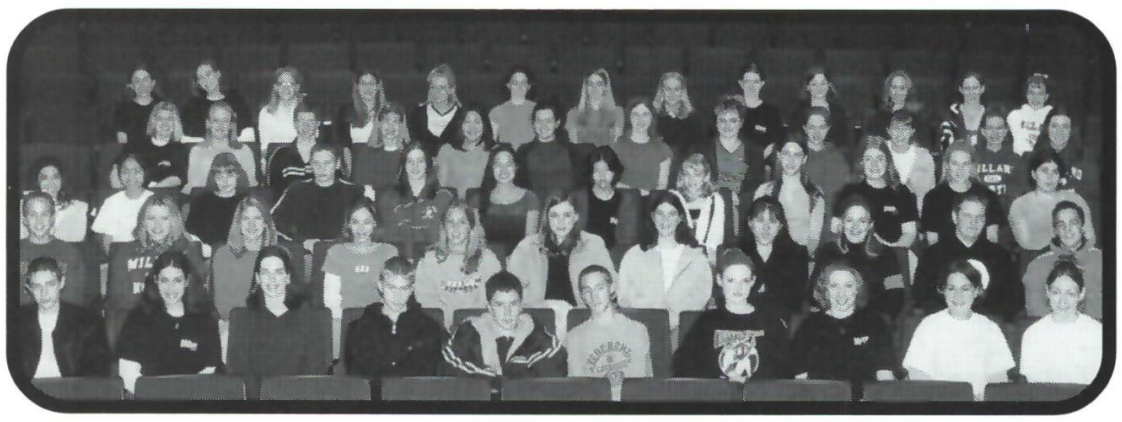

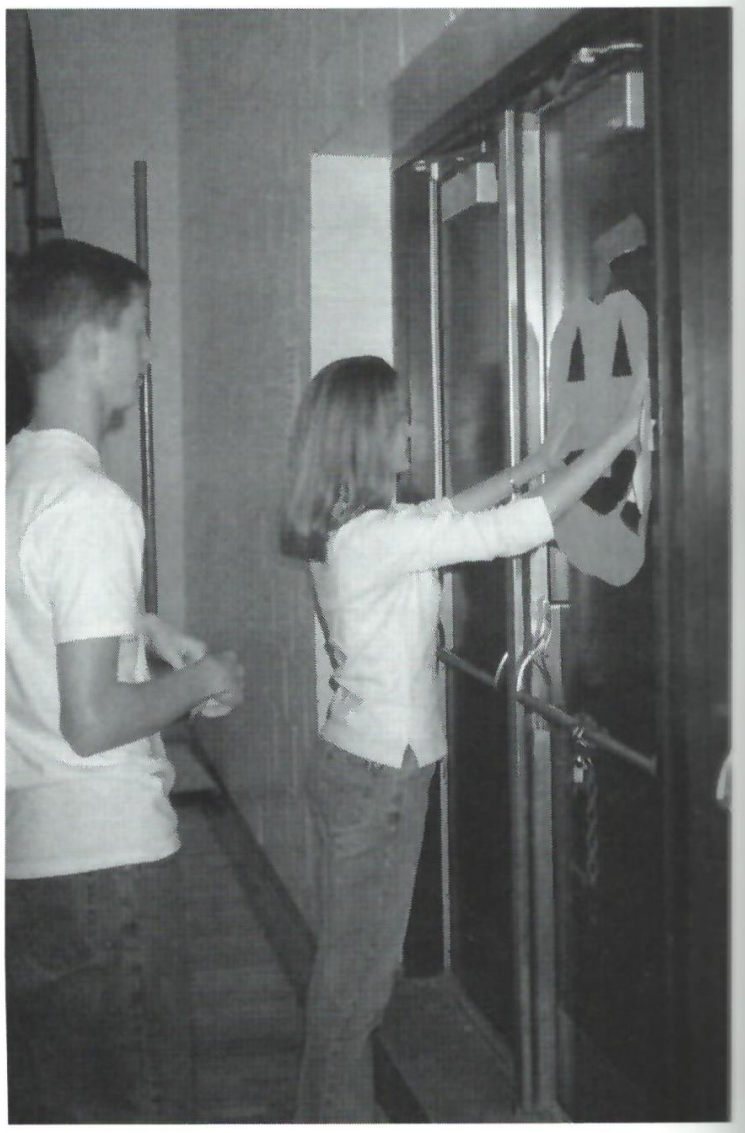

Leighann Thagard and Cameron Deremer hang a picture of a pumkpin on a gym door for the scary turkey dance. They decorated the gym with pumpkins, turkeys and had a D.J. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HELLMAN

info

Advisor . Mirm Tredway
Co-Presidents . Erin Kronber/ Jenny Ploughman
Advisor . Donn Kasner/ Stephanie Malicee

The **student council** hosted five major dances this year including Homecoming. They collected food and clothing items for the needy in a scavenger hunt. The open-council policy allowed anyone that wanted to join student council to be on it.

info

Advisor . Scott Milliken
Assistant . Sarah Morgan

Debate Team Sweepstakes included : Mercy, Millard South, Central and Millard West. (Individual results can be found on page 174)

novice policy debate

Debate Novice Policy: front- John Schonert, Kyle Offenback, Jordan Nieber, David Lin, Lisa Boespflug; **back-**Eric Jensen, David Tjomehoj, Justin Coogan, Josh Ulanday, Bill Wendl PHOTO BY ASHLEY ROBINSON

.clubs. where were you?

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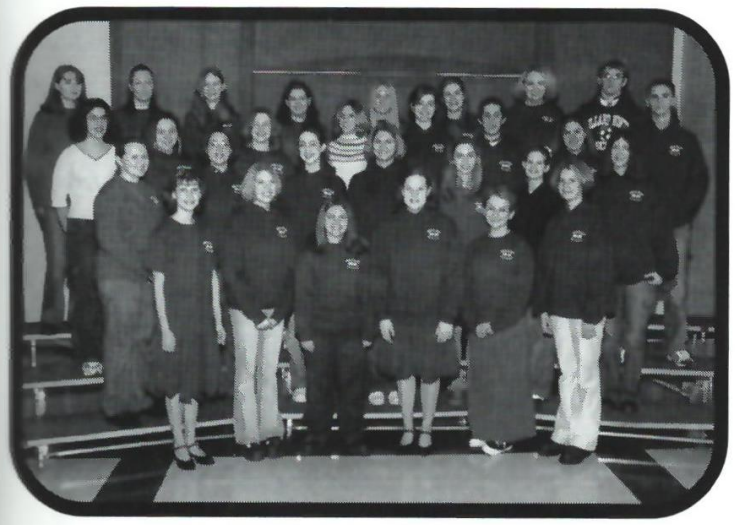
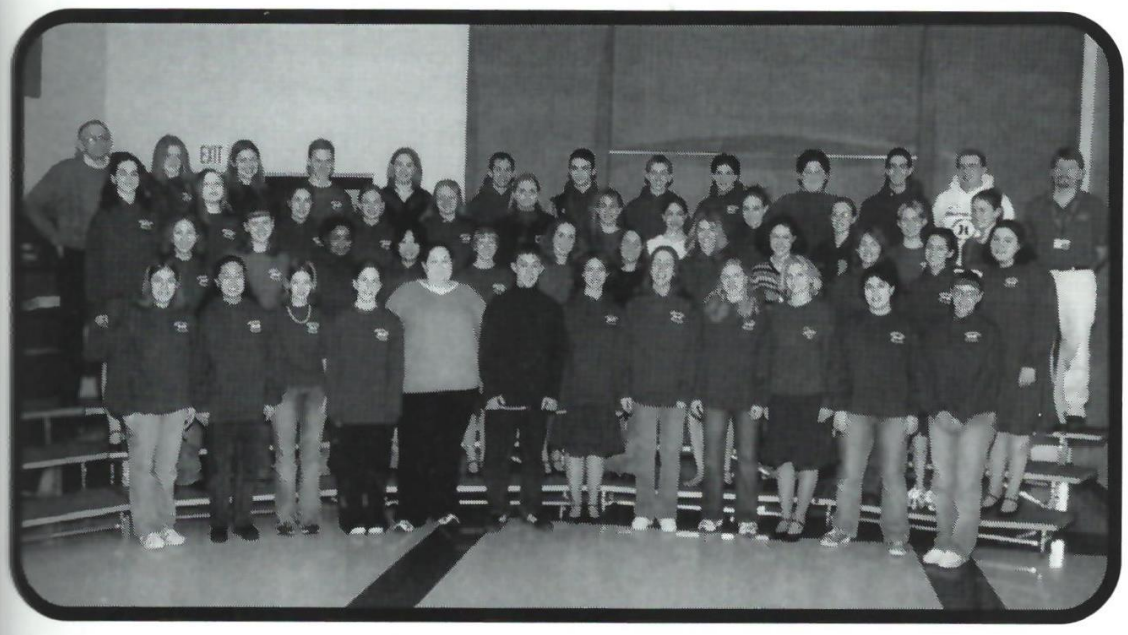


Advisor . Terry Peterson

Forensics championships: Bellevue East " Chieftain Invitational"- 2nd Place Team Sweepstakes; Millard South: "Squashfest"- 2nd PLace Sweepstakes Team; Elmwood - Murdock Invitational 2nd-Runner Up; Crete High School: Doane College Invitational Doane College- 2nd place Sweepstakes. (Individual results can be found on page 175.)

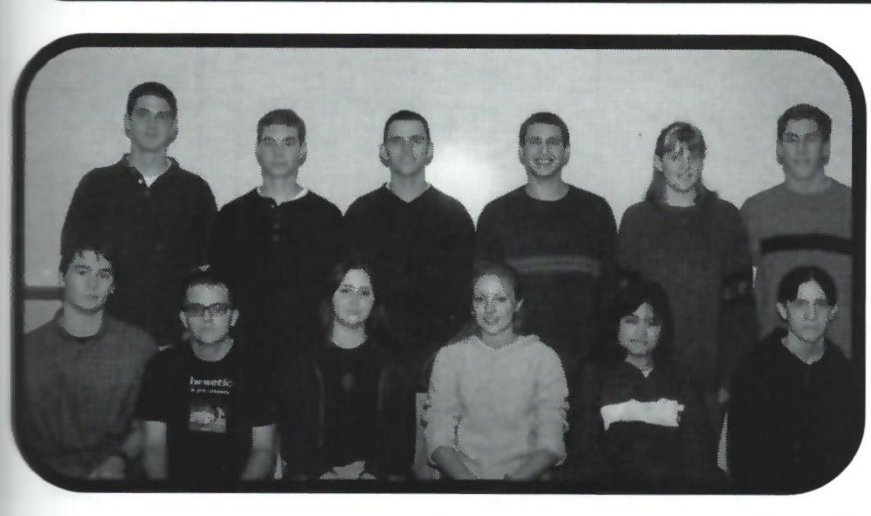
novice forensics

front- Nicole Mesenbrink, Natalie Johansen, Ruth Hromek, Laura J. Seaman, Kessaya Speckman, Julia Beckwith, Michaela Burke; **second row**- Nicole Pettus, Mackenzie Zielke, Lara Schlenker, Allie Brugler, Carrie Bahde, Julia Krogh; **third row**- Laura Shkolnik, Mackenzie Buell, heather Steele, Michelle Murphy, Megan Glover, Joe Selzle, Melissa Smigelsky, Jason Bien; **back**- Jenni O'Neill, Jocelyn Niebur, Laura Wittwer, Sarah Schroeder, Nicole Biedl, Kaitlyn Fischer, Toni Oestmann, Matt Davies. PHOTO BY BILLINGS PHOTOGRAPHY



varsity forensics

front-Steph McSharry, Kara Wells, Sara Lechowicz, Richelle LeMay, Brooke Johnson, Tony Werner, Meagan Smigelsky, Angela Selzle, Katie Freeman, Jenny Ploughman, Pany Hamzehi, Nicole Green; **second row**-Tarin Thomas, Emily McDvor, Taria Abram, Jen Go, Rachel McCne, Sarah Robinson, Kristen Parrish, Kirbi Long, Melanie Benesh, Diane Johansen, Kara Hanson, Sam Meister; **back**-Sara Schweid, Jenny Paskach, Kaylan Paisley, Kimmy Smith, Christie Rushenberg, Stephanie Hillan, LeAnn Mills, Jennifer Shkolmk, Amanda Petty, Nicole Johnson, Suzie Moessner, Laura Maack; Coach Peterson, Molly Meyetink, Kiley Wilke, Chris Roberts, Shannon Miller, Peter Jensen, Aaron Hanger, David Brodhead, Matt Uehling, Beth Johnson, Andre' Pessini, Greg Seaman, Coach Hawkins. PHOTO BY BILLINGS PHOTOGRAPHY



lincoln/douglas debate

Debate Lincoln/Douglas: front-James Teutsch, Jeff Hall, Julia Cryne, Jennifer Friend, Melissa Manahan, Nick Swiercek; **back**-Michael Hellman, Josh Bloomquist, Dimitri Adloff, Dan Morris, Ashley Jessick, Jeff Wattenhofer PHOTO BY ASHLEY ROSENBLOOM

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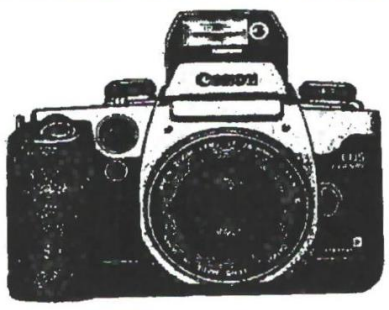

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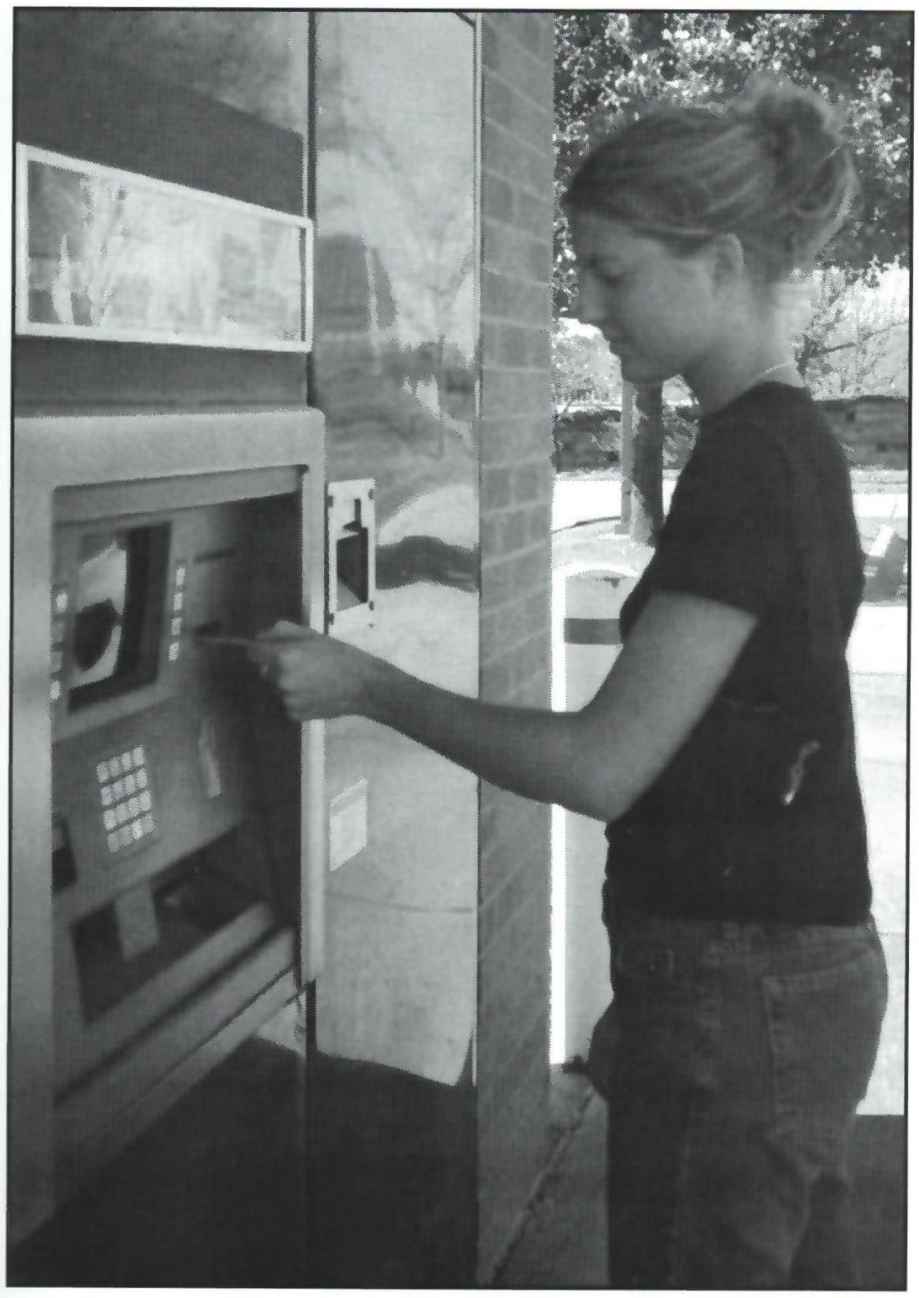

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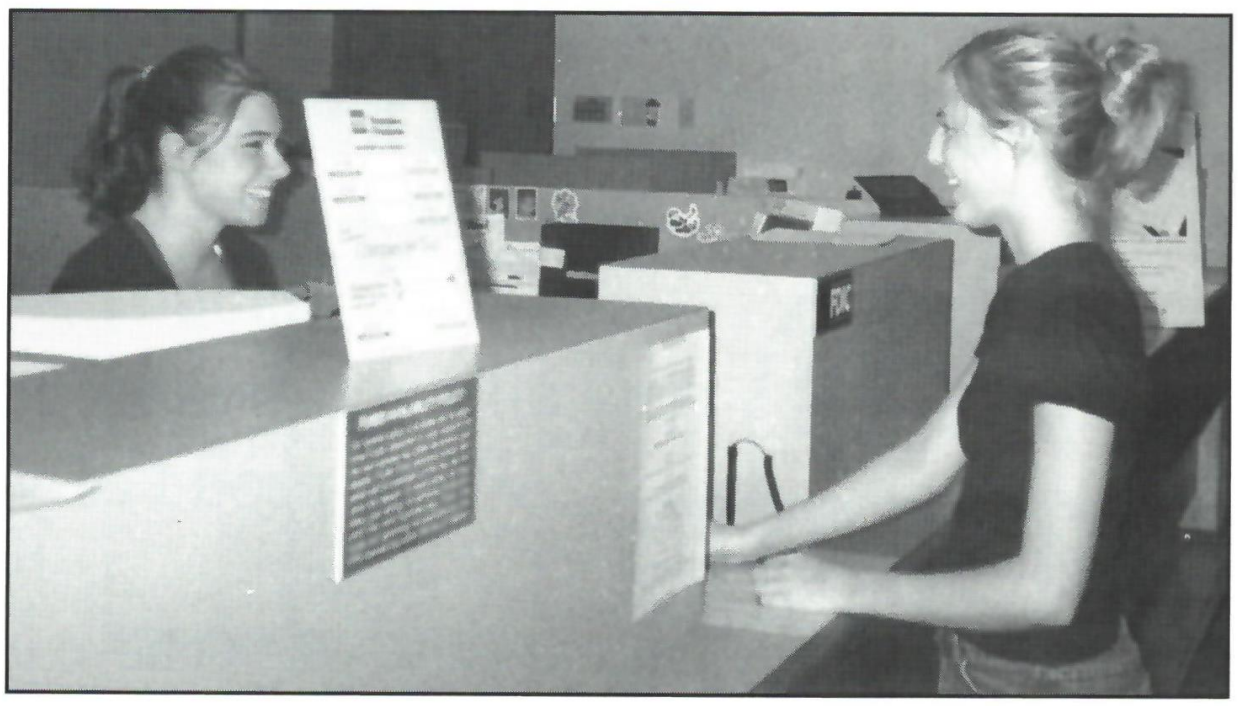

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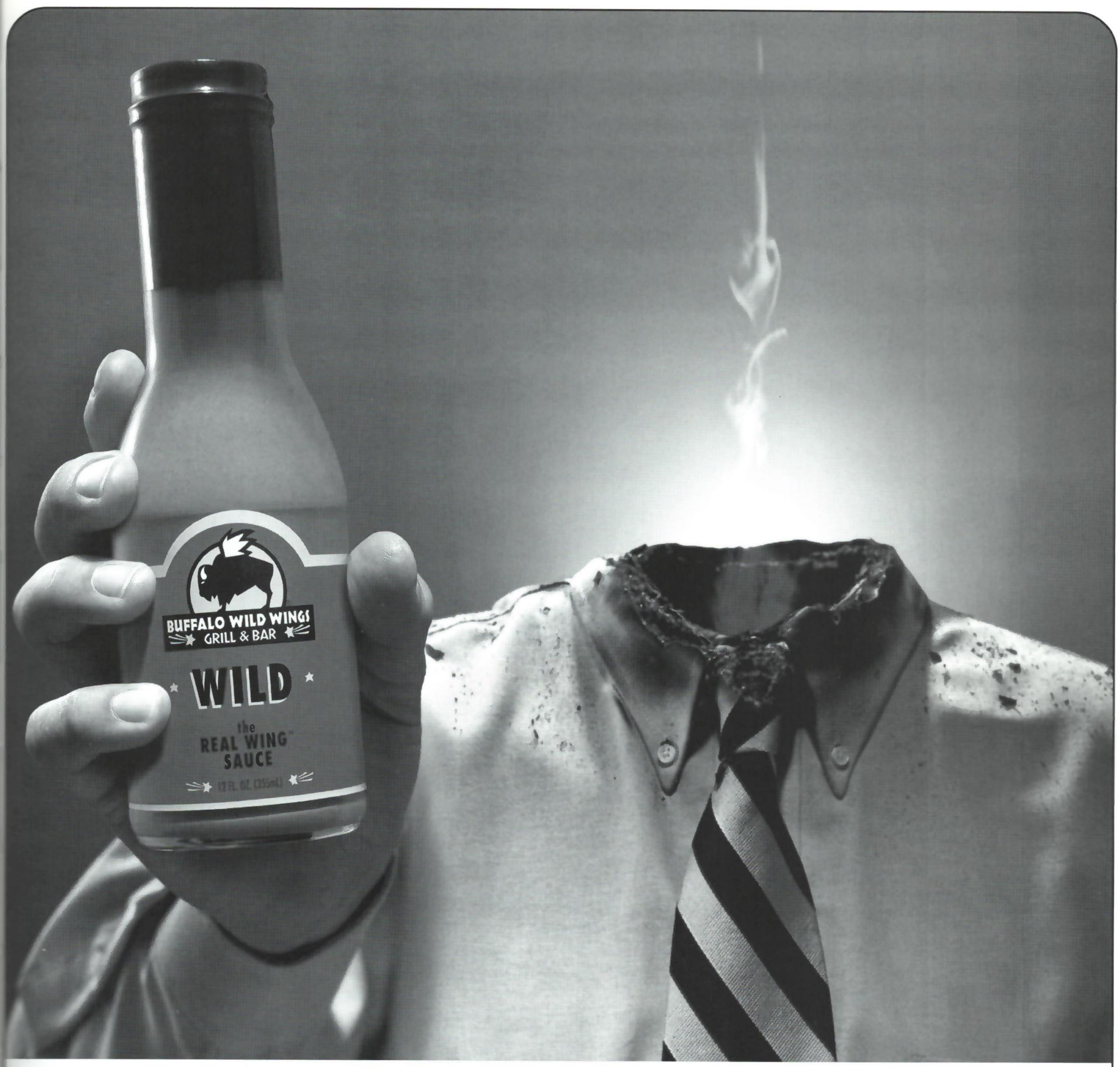

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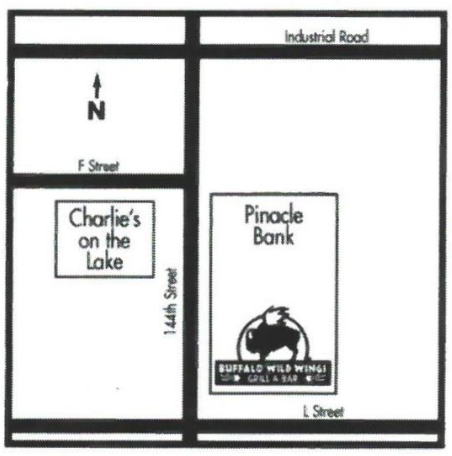

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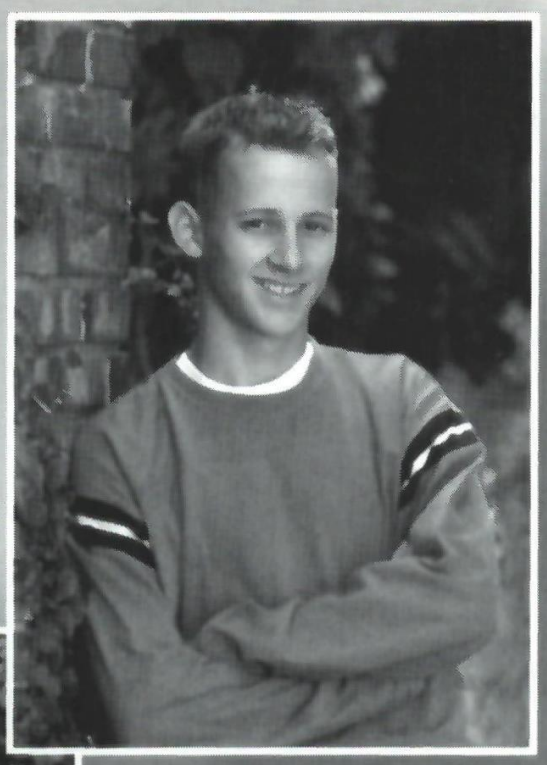

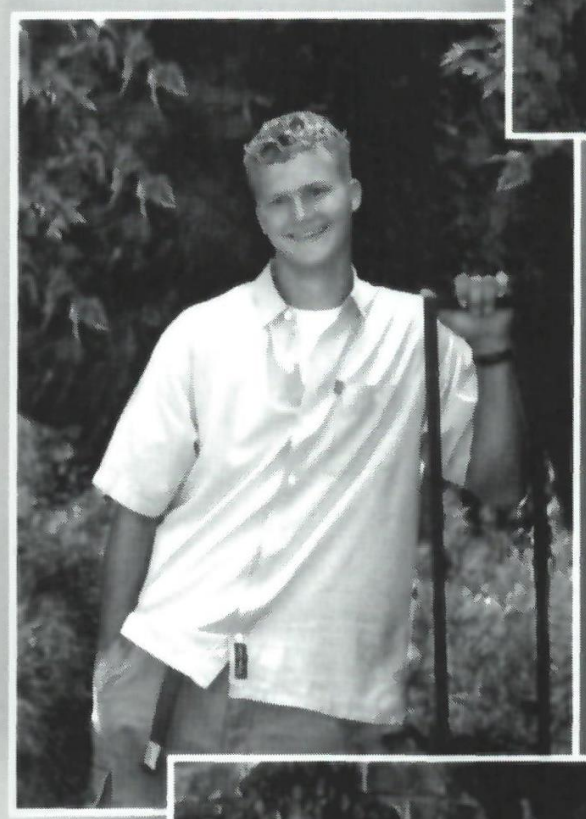

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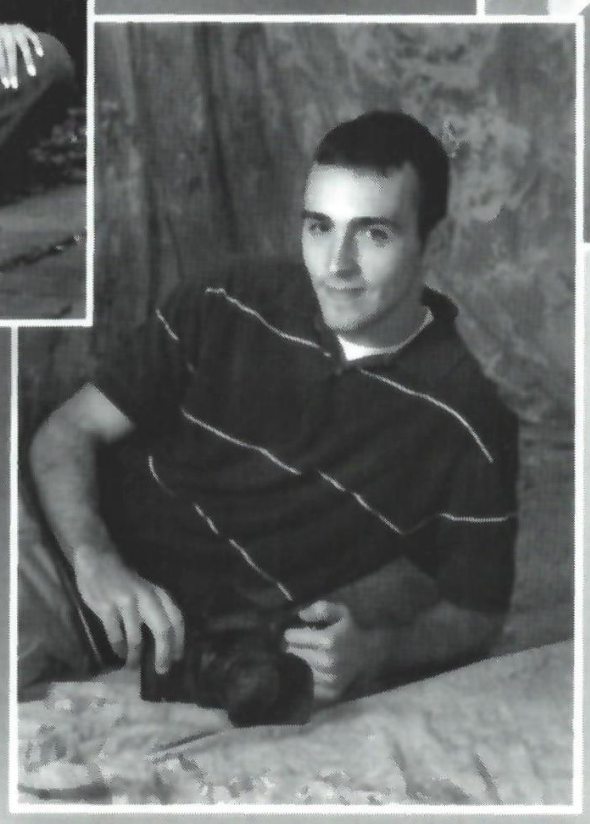

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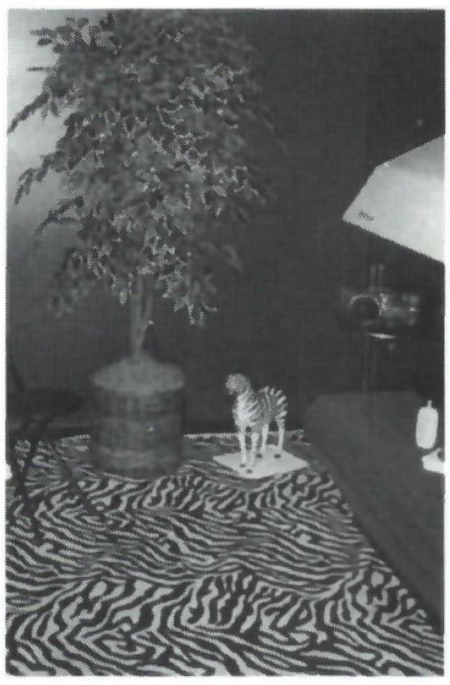

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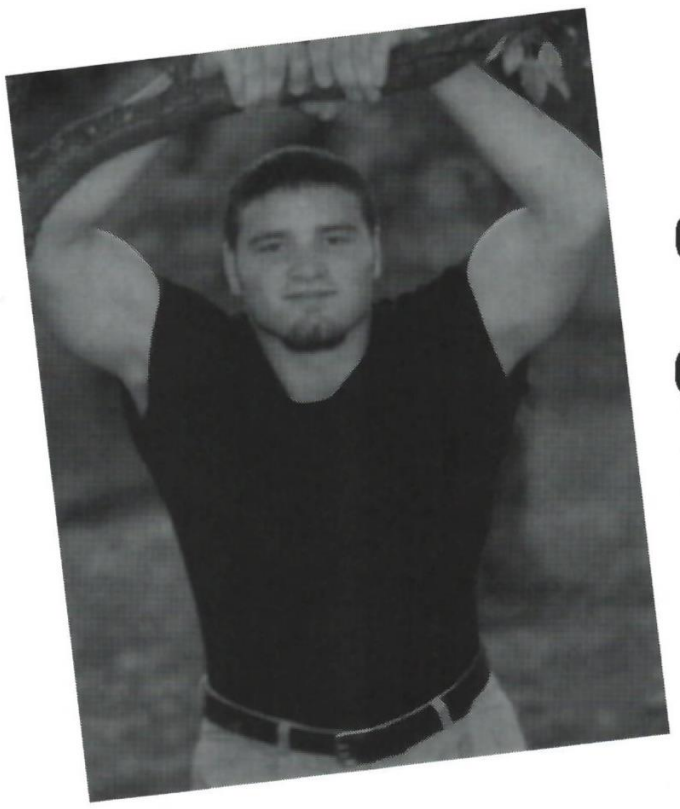

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Lindsey Parkyns

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Your first 18 years have gone by so fast. You made us laugh with your muscle man routine when you were six. We cried when we received your cell phone bills. (Someday we will laugh about this too.) You've made life interesting to say the least. Good luck to you Linds as you enter another chapter of your life.
Love always,
Dad, Mom, & Jen

Dane,
Congratulations! Always know:
We LOVE you,
We are very PROUD of you,
we are HERE for you.
Set your "goals" high! The sky's the limit! Reach for the stars!

Love,
Mom, Dad, & Brice

Dane Lenhard

Natalie Oakley

Natalie,
You have brightened our lives with your sunny presence. We hope you know how special you are. We are very proud of you and thank the Lord that you have made it to this moment. Congratulations!
We love you very much,
Mom & Dad

Nick,
You were always an awesome kid, now a wonderful young man with so many admirable qualities. With great pride we will continue to watch you fulfill your dreams. Keep your goals high and your handicap low.
Love, Mom & Dad
Proverbs 22:6

Nick Hess

Sydney,
Make us proud!
Love,
Mom & Dad

Sydney Sefick

Congratulations Bret!
We're so proud to have you for a son. We know you have a great future ahead of you. Have fun and know we're always here for you.
Love you,
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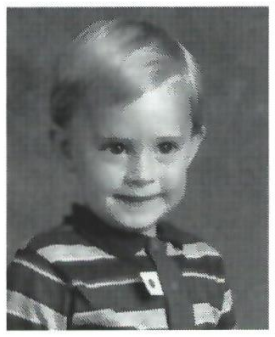
Zak,
We are so blessed to have a son like you. We admire how you give your best in everything you do. It has been a lot of fun being your parents. Congratulations on all of your achievements. And remember we will always be here for you. May God bless you forever and be with you as you realize your dreams.



Love,
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Zak Hinzmann

Bret Martin

Emily,
We always have been and always will be your "number one" fans! We love you!
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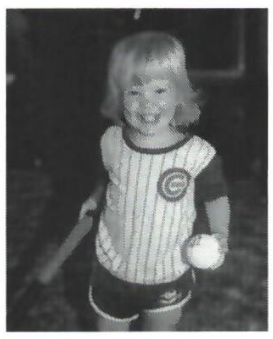

Emily Gartner

Natalie,
We can't believe you're all grown up now. Mom and Dad wish you much success throughout your life.
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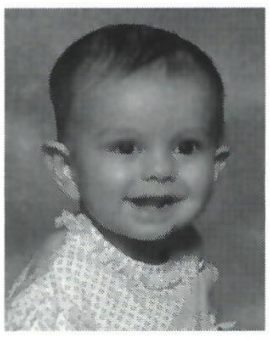
Mom & Dad



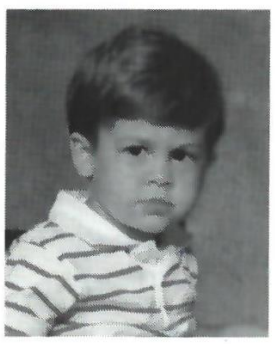
Natalie Annan

Jessica,
We know you will succeed in whatever you do. Just remember to be happy and enjoy life to its fullest. We are so very proud of you!
Love always,
Mom, Dad, & Dustin

Jessica Schroeder

Jessica Turner

Dear Jessica,
"Blue Eyes"- you have been a joy everyday of your life. We love you and are so proud of you. God bless you with health, success, and happiness.
All our love,
Mom, Dad, Sarah, Pat, & Jonathan



Tony Pirruccello

Peony Park, Ace, car washes, Park West, Dad, Cottonwood, God, ice rink, best friends, Kiewit, Ember, amusement parks, chicken nuggets, Nana & Nanu, Saturn, tantrums, Mom, AMC, Greenfields, 2001, Bullet, MNHS, Vala's, business, Tom, blonde, Showbiz, Granny & Grandpa, roller coasters, SENIOR! Congratulations!
Love,
Us

Deanna Johnson

Deanna,
You're the best of four through MNHS. Congratulations on your graduation. We wish all the best for you in whatever you pursue.
Love,
Mom & Dad

Katie Deminski

Katie,
We are very proud of you and we are especially happy that raising you has been nearly worry-free!
Love,
Mom & Dad

Lyle,
From the moment you were born, you always stood out among the crowd! We are immensely proud of your intelligence, moral values, work ethic and sense of humor. You are our favorite son!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Sally, & Susie

Brian,
You have been a joy to have in our lives. We are very proud of you and all of your accomplishments. I hope you know how special you are to us. Make your dreams come true. Congratulations
Love,
Mom, Dad, Kevin, & Michael

Lyle McConaughy

Katie Braunger

Katie Marie,
Well "Last Little One", you have always made us so very proud. We know that you will go on to greatness. Keep your goals just beyond your reach, it will bring out the best in you.
We love you very much,
Mom & Dad

Brian Foral

Sarah,
We are so proud of you and all you have become. You have enriched our lives with compassion, energy, inner strength, and humor. The future is yours, your dreams await, so set the bar high and reach for the stars.
We love you,
Dad, Mom, & Lindsay

Dear Sarah,
We are so proud of you and all your accomplishments. You have been such a blessing to us, and we thank God for the joy you bring us. Follow your dreams and share your smile with all you meet. May God always walk with you.
Love,
Mom & Dad

Sarah Johnson

Lindsay Mohon

You have filled our lives with joy and made us proud!
You are a gift from God.
Always let him guide you and direct your paths. We love you!
Dad, Mom, Lee, Tanner, & Toby

Sarah Weber

Zach,
We love the person God made you to be. There are no limits to where you go from here, as long as you remember it is through Christ that you can do all things!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Eric, & Charista

Zach Zehnder

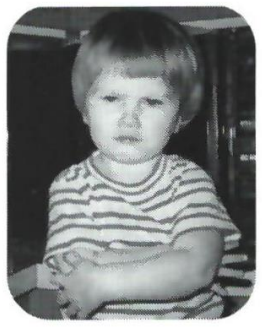
Sarah Gage

Sarah,
You have given our family 18 years of pure joy. Follow your dreams and enjoy the journey. God bless you sweetie.
Love,
Mom & Dad

Melissa Worley

Melissa,
We are very proud of you and your accomplishments. We love you, and hope your next four years in college are fantastic!
Love,
Mom, Dad, & Derek

Cody,
You will always be our baby boy! As we cherish the fond memories of your childhood, we thank God for the wonderful young man you've become. You fill our hearts with pride to be our son and brother!
Love always!
Mom, Dad, & Krista



Cody Bandars

Tim,
Congratulations!
We are very proud of the wonderful person you have become. With your determination and that smile, you can accomplish all you set out to do.
All our love and blessings,
Mom & Dad

Jennifer,
Words can not possibly express how proud we are of you. You will be entering the next phase of your life. Enjoy it and live life to the fullest.
We love you,
Mom, Dad, Angie, & Erin

Tim Danaher

Valerie,
Congratulations!
Thank you for bringing so much love and happiness into our lives. We are all very proud of you and wish you great happiness and success in your future.
Love always,
Mom, Dad, & Amanda

Valerie McGill

Jennifer Keegan

Dear Steve,
Believe and succeed.
Courage does not always roar.
Sometimes it is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, I will try again tomorrow.
Congratulations! We are so very proud of you and love you so very very much! We believe in you!
All our love,
Mom, Dad, Jill, Michelle & Jeff
God Bless You!

Steve Fonda

Troy,
Congratulations! We are proud of you and all you have accomplished! Good luck as you go off to college and into the "RWT"
Love,
Mom & Dad

Troy Snow

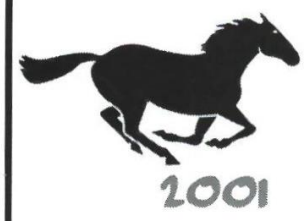
Mike,
Remember that life is a journey, not a destination. Take the time to enjoy each day. You are a great person and a son to be proud of.
Love,
Mom & Dad

Mike Giovanni

Troy Grover

Congratulations Troy!
We're very proud of you. Look to the stars and follow your dreams. Keep smiling!
We love you,
Mom, Dad, Tracy, & Jeff

John Thomas



John Paul Thomas,
Congratulations,
we're very very proud of you and all you have done. May God continue his blessings of you every day.
All our love,
Mom, Dad, Missy, Grandma, & Little Bite

Leah Moreno

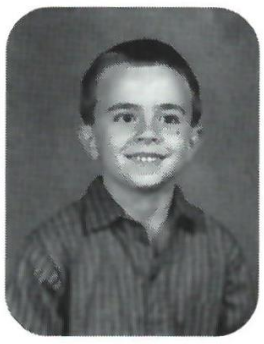
Sweets,
Congratulations! We are so proud of you and all your accomplishments. We love you so much!
Mom, Dad, & Moose

Kara Mullins

Kara,
We are so very proud of your courage and determination. You are such a sweet girl. Reach for the STARS!
Love,
Mom, Dad, & Katie

Erin,
We are very proud of you and your accomplishments. You are a very special person. May all your dreams come true!
Love,
Dad, Mom, Jenny, & Brian

Erin Kronberg



Jake Day

Jacob,
You are and always have been a source of great pride and tremendous joy to us. We know you have so much to offer the world that awaits you. Your family loves you very much!
Mom, Dad, Jon, & Angie

Jeremy,
Watching you grow into the fine young man you are has brought us joy. We wish you all the happiness of success life can offer. We will always be here for you.
Love you son,
Mom & Dad

Jeremy Kurland

Congratulations Samantha!
Go out and be the star that you are! We are so proud of you!
Love,
Mom, Dad, & Tom

Samantha French

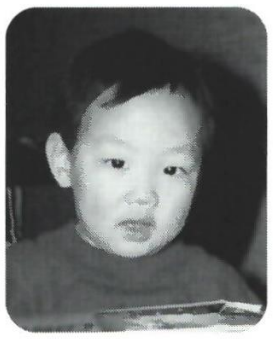
Hannah Navas

Hannah,
Congratulations!
Remember this is just the beginning of a great adventure. Be happy in all you do. You are OUR STAR!
Love,
Mom & Dad

We knew you had potential right from the start, even though you may have doubted in your heart. Proud is what we feel when we see how you have grown. Your kindness and sensitivity we have always known. Hold onto your dreams and reach for the best. And the road that you'll take will lead to success. It is true that your journey has really just begun. But for now you're the best of the Class of 2001.
Congratulations!! We love you,
Mom, John, Emily, & Megan

Lindsey Oviatt

Chase Thomsen



Chase,
You were the "special blessing" we received at Christmas. Thanks for bringing so much joy into our lives and always making us proud of you. We wish you great happiness and success in yor future. Congratulations!
Love,
Mom & Dad

Congratulations John!
Your love and sense of humor have forever touched our lives. We are very proud of you. As you go out in life, enjoy it to the fullest, and remember we will always be here for you.
Love,
Mom, Dad, & LeAnn

John Fechner

Adam Freeman

"We are what we think. All that we are rises with our thoughts. With our thoughts we make our world."

Adam,
Continue throughout your life to learn and grow. We love you!
Mom, Dad, & Alex

Julie,
We are very proud of all that you have done. We wish you continued success and the best of luck.
Love
Mom, Dad, & Billy

Pie,
We will soon have to let go of you. God made you so beautiful inside and out, and you have always made us proud. Remember we love you and will miss you dearly when you are away. Go for it and be everything you want to be, be true to yourself and to God. We are behind you.
Mom, Dad, John, Katie, & Joey

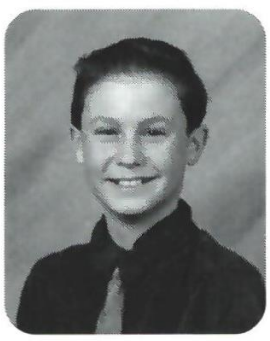
Megan Claus

Julie Gist

Tara,
Our first born and what a blessing you've been in our lives. We have watched you learn and grow through the years with much joy. We wish you well as you continue to forge your way. Look to the good word for guidance and trust your faith.
We love you,
Dad, Mom, Dirk, & Kirsta

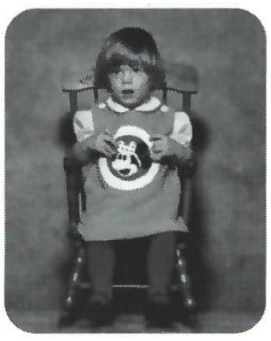
Tara Verplank

Michael,
"May the good Lord be with you down every road you roam. And may sunshine and happiness surround you when you're far from home. May you grow to be proud, dignified and true and do unto others as you'd have done to you. Be courageous and be brave, and in our hearts you'll always stay. Forever Young" 12-25-88 May you continue to be an inspiration and walk in the light of the love of your family here and in Heaven. We're so very proud of you and always will be!
Love,
Mom, Dad, & Scott



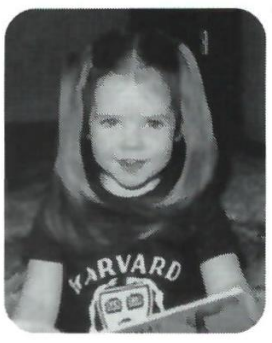
Mike McLaughlin

Brier, Queen Bee
We are very proud of you. Congratulations on your graduation. Let your adventure begin and enjoy your life. Always keep your smile.
Love,
Mom & Dad



Brier Jirka

Megan,
Do only the bare minimum to be successful, and then do what makes you happy.
With love,
Mom



Megan Schmolke

Congratulations Matt!
We are so very proud of you!
Enjoy today and look forward to tomorrow!
Keep smiling always!
Love,
Mom, Dad, & Jeff

Matt Breunsbach

Mandy Richardson

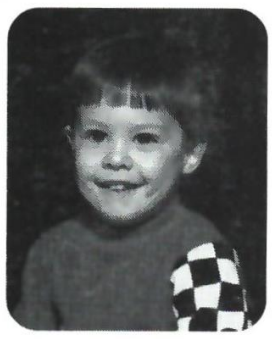
Mandy,
We're very proud of you and your accomplishments. Best of luck to you in the future, and we hope all your dreams come true. Remember we'll always be here for you.
Love,
Mom & Dad

Congratulations!
We love you
Mom, Dad, & Josh

Jeremy Hite

Linz,
Congratulations, we couldn't be more proud of you and the person you've turned out to be. We're looking forward to seeing you on the TODAY SHOW!!
Good luck, lots of love,
Mom, Dad, Evan, Abby, & Austin

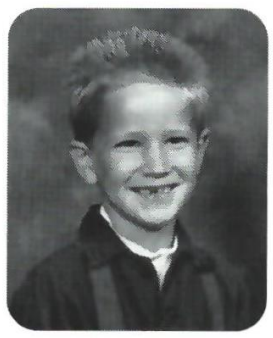
Linsey Armbrust



Brian Fleming

Dear Brian,
We are all so very proud of you. You have kept all of us laughing for 17 years. Keep that happy disposition! Keep the faith! You will do great whereever life takes you!
SEMPER FI!
Dad, Mom, Barry, Robin, Heather
Zip, Brad, Hunter, Mason

Matt Hamilton



Matthew,
"When you finally fly away we'll be hoping that we served you well. For all the wisdom of a lifetime, no one can ever tell. But whatever road you choose, we're right behind you win or lose... Forever Young."
Love and Congratulations! To us you'll always be... "Forever Young".
Dad & Mom, Christy & Aaron

Jill Porter

Jill,
You have always been and always will be the apple of our eye. We have felt sincerely blessed for the day you were born; you are truly a miracle from God. We are so proud of the person you have become. Follow your dreams, follow your heart and be all that you wish to be. Congratulations!!
Love,
Mom & Dad

David Orrick

David,
Keep reaching for the stars.
We are so proud of you!
Congratulations
Love,
Mom, Dad, & Scott

Mindy Maxson

Mindy,
It has been a life of wonderful surprises, ups and downs... remember that your glass is not half empty but half full, and the greatest risk in life is not taking one. So make your dreams come true. It's now your turn.
Love,
your Dad

Tony,
We are so proud of you and all your accomplishments. We can't wait to see what you do next! May God bless you as He blessed us when he gave us you! You are the BEST!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Gina, Erin, & Andy

Tony Daniel

You get out of life what you put into it. We put in our hopes and dreams and wishes and what we got out was you. May your future bring you as much happiness as you have brought into our lives.
Love,
Mom & Dad

Joe Ruback

Kelly Ryan

To our Pumpkin Eater,
You've always held a special place in our hearts. We're very proud of you, and will support you in all your life's decisions.
Love,
Mom & Dad

Amy,
Congratulations!
We are very proud of you. Good luck in the future.
Love,
Mom & Dad

Amy Johnson

Eric Peters

Our trailblazer! What a privilege it's been to watch you grow. You've taught us much about life. With our love and prayers we cheer you on to a new adventure.
Our Love,
Dad & Mom

Dear Martha,
Your graduation is something special that you've worked very hard to achieve. We are very proud of your accomplishments and excited about the many wonderful things you have yet to discover.
Love,
Dad, Mom, Joe, & Tom

Martha Henney

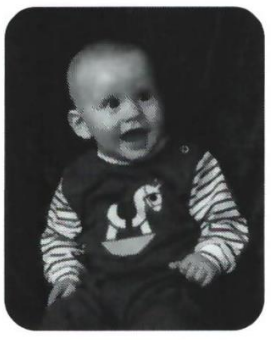
Congratulations Justin!
We are so proud of you! You are the best!
Love,
Dad, Mom, Drew, & Kelsie

Justin Pettit

Travis,
Congratulations!
We are so proud of you and everything you have accomplished. You have been a great joy in our lives. I know you will continue to succeed, and I wish you the best in all your endeavors.
We love you,
Mom & Trevor

Gary,
Congratulations!
We are very proud of you and what you have become... Keep your eyes on the heavens and reach for the moon. Go out and fulfill you dreams.
Love and amazement,
Dad, Mom, & Tory

Gary Fox



Travis Pillen

Ellen,
Way to go- four great high school years. Keep up the good work! We love you.
Your proud family,
Mom, Dad, Katie, & Liz

Ellen Dixon

Congratulations Kyle!
From balasagna and basghetti to graduating from high school. You've always been able to make people laugh. Your turn to smile and have fun.
Love,
Mom

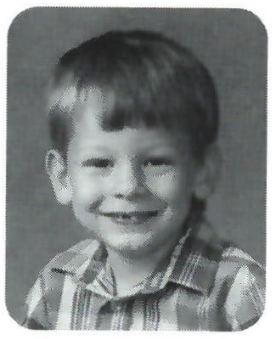
Kyle Phippen

Congratulations Rona!
Keep living up to the meaning of your name, and you'll continue to bring "joy" to others as you have to us these past years.
All our love,
Dad, Mom, & Marc

Rona Vergo

Audrey Labens

Audrey,
We are so proud of you, and all you have accomplished throughout your school years Now you can spread your wings and soar as far as you can. You will always be our shining star!!
God bless you.
Love,
Mom, Dad, & Andrew



Justin Gore

Justin,
You are awesome! Congratulations Bub!! We cannot believe our little boy in this picture is now graduating. Continue to follow God's plan for your future Justin. We love you so very much!!!
Dad, Mom, & Courtney

Donald Engstrom

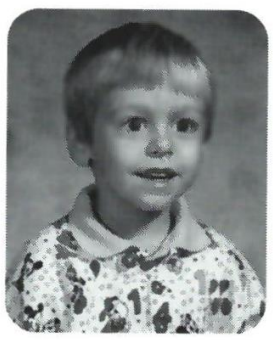
Donald,
It seems like just a short time ago you were our little boy. Now you are ready to graduate and off to face new adventures. We are so proud of you and of all you accomplished. Remember to reach for the stars in all you do.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Melissa, William, & Daniel

Nicole Hautzinger

Noomie,
We are so proud of you. Have fun in Lincoln next year and don't forget to study!
All our love,
Heather, George & Mom

Dear John,
You have always been and always will be, a total joy to us. As you continue to grow in mind and spirit, we will be behind you every stop of the way. This is just the beginning!
Congratulations T.L.S.G!!!

John Weinberg



Katie Squire

Katie,
You made it! You have exceeded our expectations! We are so proud of you and who you have become. As your "life" journey continues remember we will always be here for you.
With our love always,
Mom, Dad, Mandy, & Abby

Dear Mike,
Remember your first wheels? You've come a long way-in your mode of transportation and in life. We're very proud of you and wish you the best of everything!
Love,
Mom, dad, Julie, & Jim

Mike Willson

Your gentile nature and friendly spirit make you a joy to be around. You have developed into a young man, dedicated to football, friends and family, whom we are proud of. Go through life with optimism and determination, with a focus on tomorrow's dreams.
Love,
Dad, Mom, & Ben

Jon Neumann

Gina Amatulli

Great job Gina!
After all you've been through with determination, perseverance, courage and above all your great faith in God, you came with flying colors. Words cannot express the pride and joy and also the love we feel for you. As we thank God for giving us you. God will always be there for you, and so will we.
We love you,
Mom, Dad, & Toni

Kyle,
Watching you grow up over the years, having seen you grow from that little boy to this strong young man, we know that the things you've done and learned throughout the years guide you in whatever the future brings, or you choose to do.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Rachel, Sarah, John

Kyle Olig

Katie Freeman

Katie,
You have brought more joy and love into our lives than we would have dreamed possible. We couldn't be more proud of your Christian commitment, character, integrity, compassion and many accomplishments.
Congratulations! "He who began a good work in you is able to complete it." (Phil. 1:6)
Much love,
Mom & Dad

Congratulations Ben!
We consider you a gift from God. We are so proud of what you have done with your life. Continue to make the most of the opportunities that come your way. May God bless you, so that you may be a blessing to others.
We love you,
Mom, Dad, Naomi, & Anna
1 Timothy 4:12

Ben Nelson

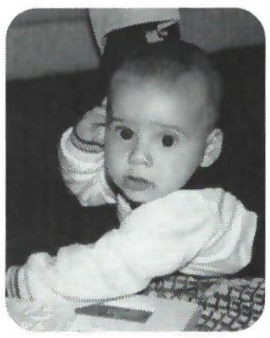
Stephie,
Congratulations!
We are so proud of you and all you have accomplished. You are a terrific person, and we are very lucky to have you as our daughter.
There are so many more wonderful experiences waiting for you out there in this BIG world. Enjoy!
Love,
Mom & Dad

Stephanie Alm

Suzie,
Congratulations!
We are so proud of you! You have become a beautiful, intelligent, thoughtful, and fun young lady. Keep working hard and dreaming big!
Love always,
Mom & Dad

Suzie Finger

Dear Emerson,
Congratulations on your graduation!
We are very proud of you!
You are a very special person!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Whitney, & Donald



Emerson Wilson

Congratulations!
We are really proud of you!
Good luck!
Love,
Mom, Dad, & Jolene

Kelsie Williamson

Shelley,
Congratulations!
We are so proud of you and all your accomplishments.
May all your dreams come true.
Love,
Dad, Mom, & Mandy

Shelley Tifft

Jon Sours

Jon,
You are a creative, independent thinker who often chooses the road less traveled – who says there isn't a pig in "Cinderella"? You have given us much joy, and we are proud of the young man you have become. May you always follow your dreams, and may you repeat these words often: "That's a wrap!"
Love,
Mom & Dad

Congratulations Carol,
It's been a long haul with some ups, some downs, but you've made it! Please remember I will always be here for you no matter where you are or what you do.
P.S. Shoot for the moon; even if you miss you'll be among the stars.
Love always and forever,
Mom

Carol Daugherty

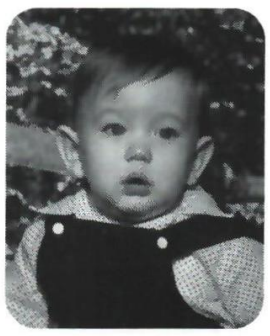
Congratulations Cami!
We are so proud of you and all the things you have accomplished so far in your life. You have always tackled the "Big" things and surprised everyone that nothing was to big for you. Remember that big things come in small packages, and you can do whatever you set your mind to. Always work hard, stand up for what is right and always maintain your integrity, and you will be successful in all that you do. As you leave high school keep your memories close to your heart, but keep your heart open as you create more memories in each phase of you life.
Love,
Mom & Dad

Cami Clements

Kimberly Cold

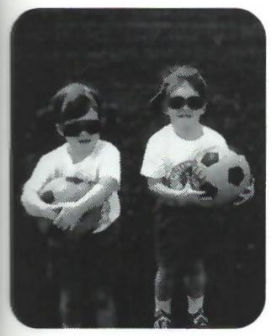
Congratulations Kim!
We are very proud of you and love you dearly. Now a new adventure begins in your life. Enjoy it to the fullest and make your dreams. Remember, we will always be here for you.
Love,
Mom, Dad, & Mike

Dear Travis,
You are truly a son to be proud of. You have grown and matured to be a very special person. Now it's your turn to explore what life has to offer you and have fun doing it. We wish you happiness always.
Congratulations!
Love,
Mom, Dad, & Danielle



Travis Major

There are incredible twins - the McCarts, who have fire in their hair and their hearts. They studied and played. Honors, baskets and goals were made. If you know them, you can tell them apart.
Dear Natalie & Emily,
On May 4th, 1983, the sun was shining and the flowers were blooming. On May 27th, 2001, the sun will shine even brighter because of the unique person you each have become. You're everything we hoped for (and more). We're truly twice blessed. You'll always have our love, our pride, and our confidence as you continue to dream and grow.
May God hold you each in the palm of His hand,
Dad, Mama, & Bailey



Natalie & Emily McCart

Lisa Phelan

Lisa,
We couldn't be more proud of you and your accomplishments thus far. May you pursue your future dreams and goals with the zeal and determination that makes you so unique.
Love you always,
Mom & Dad

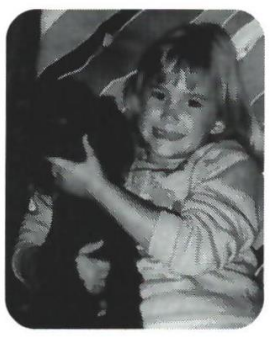
Meagan Smigelsky

Meagan,
You have been God's special gift to us - to hold and to love and to treasure.
As Jesus holds you close, we pray that you will continue to grow in your awareness of His plans for you. Your gifts are many. Be led by the Spirit as you go forth into the world to bless others. You know you are much loved. Matt. 5:12
Dad, Mom, & Melissa

Jessica Wootton

Jessica,
You have grown from a sweet little girl (remember the mushroom haircut?) into a beautiful, bright young lady. I am incredibly proud of you. The best advice that I can give is to follow your dreams and believe in yourself. You will be successful in whatever you desire. We love you!
Mom, Sarah, & Dan

Lisa Kuhn



We are very proud to have you as our daughter. We appreciate your dedication to your goals. Your giving, caring attitude is so special. Go forth where God leads you.
We love you,
Mom & Dad

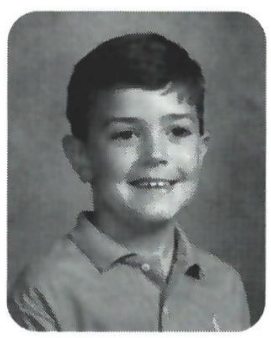
Jill Robeson

Dear Jill,
Your laughing eyes shine and show what a bright and beautiful young woman you have become. A ray of bright light. You always have a ready and warm smile to share with family and friends. Take pride and strength from your many accomplishments. You have earned them with talents, dedication and integrity. God has a plan for you. Love! Love! Dance! Congratulations! We are so proud of you.
Love always,
Mom, Dad, &Tyler

Dear Ashley,
When you came into our world, you enriched our lives beyond measure. You have continued to do so through all your endeavors. We're also glad you cleaned up well...
Love,
Mom & Dad

Ashley Vannier

Congratulations Craig!
The last four years have included many challenges for you. And, we are so proud of how much you have matured this year. Now go out and realize all of your dreams. And remember, we will always be there for you.
Love always,
Mom, Dad, & Mike



Craig Smith

Congratulations Tori!
We are so proud.
Love,
Dad, Mom, Christie & Wally

Victoria Hutchings

Jenn Bertelsen

Dear Jenn,
We love you very much and wish you every success and happiness for the future. All our love, your family;
Mom, Dad & Sis

Katie Wanning

Katie,
B. K. W. E. W.
Love,
Mom & Dad

Congratulations Meghan!
We are all so proud of you and wish you much love and joy.
Love,
Mom, John, Kayla, Dad & Debbie

Congratulations Melissa!
You are such a joy to us and so much fun to have around. We will always love and support you and look forward to this important step in your life. Never lose your laugh!
Love you,
Mom, Dad & Alan

Melissa Aanerud

Congratulations Khanh!
We are very proud of you. You have brought so much love into our lives. May God shine on every step of the way you will take. We love you always no matter what!
Love,
Dad, Mom, Didi, Thu, Hanh, Brian, & Brandon

Meghan Brozanic

Amy Liz,
Congratulations on your graduation sweetie! We're so proud of you. Enjoy your college years to the fullest and remember...
you'll always be our little girl.
We love you,
Mom & Dad

Amy Stading

Khanh Lai

Karen,
You have done a good job of staying in the lines. Be sure to use all of your colors!
Congratulations and Good Luck!
Love,
Mom, Dad & Brian

Karen Pille

Mattie,
What a blessing you have been to our family! Your warm and caring qualities will give strength as you venture into a new phase of your life. May God stay first in your heart!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Matt & Mary

Mattie Clark

Dear Kate,
Right from the start we knew you were special. Even clapping for yourself when you were two. We are proud of all that you have accomplished and look forward to seeing what the future will bring you. Our love and best wishes are always with you.
Mom & Dad

Kate Mytty

Katie Sturm

Congratulations Katie!
We loved you from the moment we saw you and always will. Your laughter and caring nature have brought so much happiness into our lives. Enjoy life and all that the future brings.
Love,
Mom & Dad

Holly Ballard

Holly,
You truly are my sunshine. We are so blessed to have you as a daughter.
Love,
Mom & Dad

Joana Landreth

Joana,
Little did we know that 19 years ago something great was going to happen to our lives. You have been that something special. That ray of sunshine that has filled your family's heart and memories forever. Our love will be forever with you whereever you may go.
Love,
Mom, Dad & Brother

Audra Wessel

Dear Audra,
Congratulations!
We are so very proud of the young woman you are.
We were so thrilled to have a little girl, and we still are.
We love you always and always - no matter what!
Mom & Dad

To my Rosie,
I am so very proud of you! Continue to seek after the gift and knowledge God has given you and He will add all things unto you. Remember the joy of the Lord is your strength.
I love you and believe in you,
Mom

Amanda,
Your first steps to your future.
Congratulations!
Love,
Dad, Mom Dulcie & Tom

Danielle Ellett

Chad Young

We are so proud of you! Thank you for being such a joy for the last 18 years. Choose your path in life with honor and integrity. We believe in you! Follow your dreams. The world is waiting. God Bless You.
All our love,
Mom & Dad

Amanda Holland

Matthew,
We are so proud of the confident young man you have become. You have what it takes to make a difference in the world. May the Good Lord be with you every step of the way. We love you very much.
Love,
Dad, Mom & Michael

Laura Jowdy

Dear Laura,
You did good, kid. We are so very proud of you! You are a wonderful daughter, and we'll miss you. We hope college is everything you want it to be and more. Make your dreams come true; you deserve the best.
We love you,
Mom, Dad & your little bother, Rob

Stacy,
We are so proud of all your accomplishments. You are a wonderful daughter and sister. Before you ever played soccer, you were a "keeper." Congratulations! We know you have a bright future ahead of you.
Love,
Dad, Mom & Matt

Matthew Moncivais

Stacy Severa

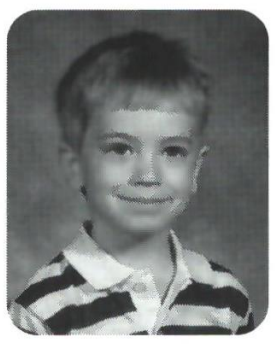
Jeffrey Ebert

Jeffrey,

Congratulations! You are such a strong, confident, and caring person. Your sister and I are very proud of you. As your dad watches over you from heaven, you can be assured he is so proud that he helped raise such a fine young man. I thank God every day for giving us a son as wonderful as you!

Love,
Mom and Erika

Adam,
You have brought such joy to our lives. Thank you. We are very proud of the man you have become. Dream Big! The world is yours.
Love you forever,
Mom, Dad, Justin



Adam Mohr

David,

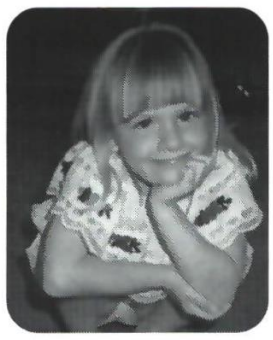
Our cute little boy has grown into such a handsome young man. We are very proud of you and look forward to sharing the joy of your future accomplishments with you. You'll always be our "little buddy."

We love you!
Dad & Mom

David Andersen

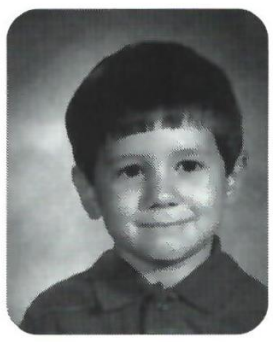
Christie,
The look spells "trouble" but the smile makes the sunshine appear. Our family has been blessed each day, since you joined our lives. We are so proud of the confident, caring young lady you have become. Remember, with God in your life, all things are possible. Break that glass ceiling, babe!

With all of our love,
Mom, Dad, & Callie



Christie Coleman

Jeff,
Congratulations!
You have so many creative talents and we are excited to see where you will use them. We are very proud of you. You are a great son.
Love,
Mom & Dad



Jeff Brockett

Nate the Great,
You've always been the greatest with us! God bless you as you venture on to the next great phase of your life... We love you dearly
Dad, Mom, Regan, Matthew, & Christopher

Nate Marquiss

Lindsay,
You have been a blessing to us. We are so proud of the person you've become. Let God lead you, and you will find the joy He wants you to have.
Love,
Mom, Dad, & Dan

Lindsay Ostrander

Jenny,
To our sunshine,
Jenny, you and Care Bear have been together for over 17 years! He's all tattered and torn, but you've grown into a beautiful young woman. We are so proud of you and so thankful that God blessed us with you that hot summer day in July. As you continue on life's journey, remember to "turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face, and the things of this earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace."

Love,
Dad, Mom, Dave, Angie, Michelle, & "Care Bear"

Jenny Janis

Abby,
You are our shining star. We have always enjoyed your "spirit" and love for life. Now, when you have a choice to sit it out or dance... DANCE.
We love you!
Mom, Mic, & Corky

Abby Boettner

Daniel,
Congratulations for achieving such a big goal in your life. I am so proud of you, and pleased to call you my son. I am proud of what God had done, and is going to accomplish in your life. Your dad is smiling at you in heaven.

Love,
Mom & David

Daniel Johnson

Jourdan Hittner

Jourdan,
A penny saved is a penny earned.
We love you,
Mom, Dad, Luke, & Will

TJ McAndrew

TJ,
Congratulations on your graduation. We are all proud of you and your accomplishments. Whatever you choose for your future, you are capable of achieving. You have many talents and blessings. May you always be proud of the choices you make. We love you.
Mom & Dad

Jessica Beamis

Jessica,
May you always look to the future with the courage to make all your dreams come true. Each moment counts, so enjoy and cherish what life brings to you. Whatever road you choose, always remember, we will always be there to support you. You make all of us more proud of you every day.
With all our love and prayers,
Mom, Dad, Ryan, & Emily

Heidi Foster

Congratulations on your graduation! We are proud of you! Remember through out life Prov. 3:5&6. Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths. Go for your dreams.
We love you,
Dad, Mom, Autumn, & Taylor

Stephanie,
You are as beautiful on the inside as you are on the outside. We are very proud of you. Keep up your determination and you will realize your dreams.
Love,
Mom, Dan, & Sarah

Stephanie Singleton

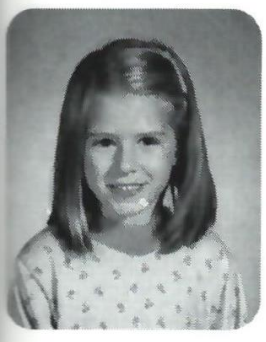
David Ohlman

Congratulations David! You made it! Good luck next year. We're proud of you.
Love,
Mom, Dad, & Jill

Samantha,
Your bright smile radiates all your great qualities. Believe in yourself. We certainly believe in you and are very proud to have such a special daughter and sister.
Love,
Mom, Dad, & Sabrina

Samantha Rogers

Aud,
Congrats!
We are proud of you and your accomplishments. Put lot of little marshmallows in your hot chocolate!
Love you!
Mom, Dad, & Elliot

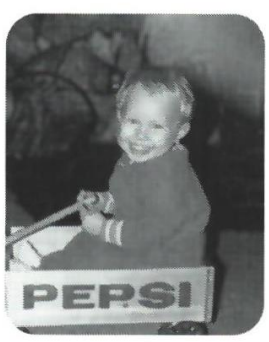


Audrey Tapprich

Melissa Covey

Melissa,
We are very proud of you and all your achievements. You have brought much joy and love into our lives. You are a very sensible person and a wonderful daughter and sister. Spread your wings and fly.
We love you lots!!
Mom, Dad, & Sarah

Douglas,
We are proud of you and remember we are always there for you. When you put your mind to it, you can accomplish anything. Dude, you rock!
We love you,
Dad, Mom, & Christine



Douglas Robbins

Alex Sutton

Congratulations Alex!
We are very proud of you and look forward to a great future! Remember, you have the power to make all your dreams come true.
We love you!
Mom, Karalee, Adam, & Dad

Spud,
We love you, man!! You're a special gift to us and all who know you. Always remember who anchors your life and guides your footsteps. Take flight and reach for those dreams.
Love,
Mom, Dad, & PJ

Erik Neemann

Kara,
We are so proud of the way God is working in your life! We're proud of the things you've already accomplished and look forward to seeing what your potential will lead you to do in the future. We love you so much!
Mom & Dad

Kara Wismer

Mike,
You've always brought us great joy and lots of laughs. We're very proud of you. Enjoy your future.
Love,
Mom, Dad, & Kris

Mike Kohlmeier

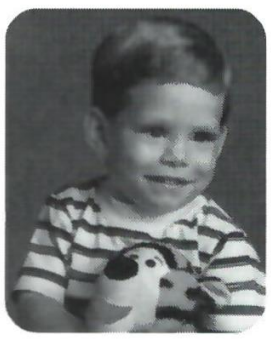
Nicky,
Our lives have been forever touched by the love and joy that you have given us. As you go out into the world, walk proudly and hold your head up high for all the world to see. You will always be our shining star!
Love,
Mom & Dad

Nicole Woodle

Molly Caitlin,
Dark-haired baby girl of my dreams,
you have grown into a beautiful young woman of talent, grace, and courage.
Now it is time for you to discover dreams of your own, always secure in the knowledge that your family adores you.
Mom, Dad, Brandon, Kerrie, Ryan, Justine, & John

Molly Adair

Matt,
As the first born of three children, you have experienced more pressure, greater difficulties, and numerous "parental mistakes". You have taken this in stride and have fulfilled your role as first born with dignity. Thank you for being such a great example for your brother and sister. Acknowledge Him in all your ways, and he will make your path straight.
Love always,
Mom & Dad



Matt Shively

Megan,
We are so blessed to have you in our lives. You are beautful and talented, but even more importantly, you have a caring heart. May God bless and guide you in all you do.
Love,
Dad, Mom, & Pat

Megan Blair

Kelli,
Congratulations, you made it! We are very proud of you, and we wish you the best. Follow your dreams, and you will be very successful.
Love,
Mom, Dad, & Brett

Kelli Weaver

Ashley,
Seems like yesterday that you were our little girl in cowboy boots sleeping on the chair. We are very proud of the beautiful woman you have become. Congratulations and good luck on your new adventure in life.
Love,
Mom & Dad

Ashley Shreve

Carly Styles

Carly,
Congratulations! We are so proud of you and what you have accomplished this year! We are confident that you will succeed in your future goals.
Love,
Mom & Dad
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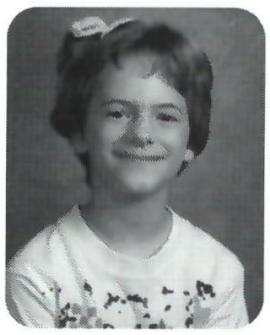


Dena Dahlkoetter

Our "little Dena" has grown up. We are proud of the special person you have become. We will always be here for you.
We love you very much,
Mom, Dad, & Kori

Stephanie Penner

Congratulations, Stephanie!
We love you! We are proud of you, who you are and of what you have accomplished. Put God first in your life, and you will be successful
Mom & Dad

Jenny Ploughman

Congratulations Jenny!
We're so very proud of all your achievements and your inner strength and drive.
You have brought so much fun, joy, and entertainment into our lives. We love you and wish you the best as you enter the next adventure on your journey. You are a precious gift from God.
Love,
Mom, Dad, & Kristin

You carry with you our pride, our admiration, and our appreciation.
Congratulations!
Mom , Dad, Sophie, & Chrlene

Erin,
It's been a long and bumpy road, but you've made it. We're so proud of you. Always believe in your dreams, and you'll achieve them.
Love,
Mom, Dad, & Ryan

Dannielle Engle

Hillary Wynn

To our special "surprise" baby. You are unique and we love you very much.
Love,
Daddy & Mom

Erin Hines

Seth,
Our first born, our magical child. We are so proud of how far you have come and are confident that you are ready to take on the world. It is yours for the asking. We know you're on your way.
We love you dearly,
Mom & Dad

Seth Bryant

Steve Allen

Steven,
You have been a blessing to us since the day you were born. We have watched you grow from a boy to a fantastic young man. We are very proud of your hard work and dedication. May God continue to bless you in all you do!!
We love you,
Dad, Mom, & Matthew
2 Timothy 3:14-15

Congratulations Matt!
We are so proud of you and your achievements. Live life to its fullest, and remember we love you.
Love,
Mom & Ann

Matt McVey

Congratulations Josh!
We are so proud of you and the special young man you have become. We pray that the Lord will guide you in the future that lies ahead, and that happiness and love will surround you always.
Love,
Mom, Dad, & Cassie

Josh Cheek

Amanda Peck

Dearest Amanda,
What a joy you have been in our lives! Happy, beautiful, and caring, you have blossomed into a wonderful young woman. We salute your many accomplishments and have faith that your positive attitude towards life's many challenges will continue to serve you well in the future. We love you more than words can say.
All our love,
Mom & Dad

Michelle Neal

Dear Michelle,
Congratulations on your graduatuion and thank you for being such a great kid! What a joy you've made of our lives these brief 18 years. We wish you the very best and pray God's blessings on you and all your future decisions.
We love you!
Mom & Dad

Brandi,
To our angel that has made us so proud. Go forth and live your dreams and may your angels always be with you!
Love you,
Mom & Dad

Brandi Reeve

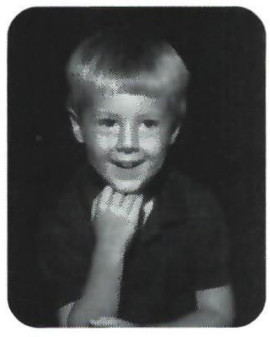
Dear KK,
It's been 18 years since your Dad pinned those baby footprints to his shirt. God Bless you, you've made it! Now go forth and conquer!
Love,
Mom & Dad

Dear Ryan,
Congratulations!
We all are so proud of you. You have brought us 18 years of joy. We wish you the bet of luck in a new chapter of life.
Love,
Mom, Dad, & Chad

Kara Kopecky

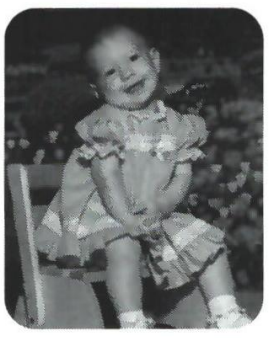
Larisa,
We are truly very proud of you, and we wish you all your dreams come true. May your future bring you lots of love and happiness. You deserve it!
Love always,
Mom, Dad, Tom, & Lydia

Larisa Worobec



Ryan Cole

Amy Bug:
We are so proud of you! You have been such a blessing to all of us! Reach for the stars! Just remember to come back home once in awhile! Congratulations!
We love you!
Mom, Dad, Erin, & Emily



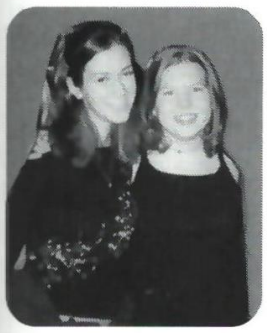
Amy Struebing

Jenny,
We love you and are so proud of the person you are and the choices you've made. You have set many goals in your life and have achieved them. We wish you great success and good luck in the future. Always keep a smile.
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Kristi

Jenny Kriens

Kiley,
We are all so proud of you. Life is just beginning. Keep reaching for the stars because they belong to you. Remember we are always here for you.
We love you.
Mom, Dad, & Kristy

Kiley Wilke



Kristi Hanson

Congratulations! We are so proud of you and all that you've accomplished! Our wish for you is that you will take everything you've learned during the past 18 years and apply that knowledge to the next chapter of your life. Keep exceding all of your goals, as you've done before. Never forget how special you are and that "you're better than... all the stars in the sky."
Love,
Jana, Lynn, Kate, & Liz

Nicole Kurbis

Nicole,
Graduation Day! Wow! There's a whole new world waiting out there for you. Take it slow, have plenty of fun, and don't forget to follow your dreams. We are so proud of you, and we love you very much.
Love,
Dad, Mom, & Michelle

Angela Selzle

Angela,
We have always been very proud of you. Congratulations on your graduation... You are only limited now by your dreams. You have brought such joy to our lives through your many accomplishments... Academic, school activities, and spiritual. May God's blessings be upon you as you continue your journey.
We love you!
Mom & Dad

Congratulations on your graduation. Thanks for all the fun you have brought to our family. Have a great time in college and keep making those good choices.
Love,
Dad, Mom, & Matt

Danielle Gary

Danny-Ellie,
You have gone from a precocious pre-schooler to a high school graduate - with honors! You'll always be my "FB." Don't stop performing girl!
We love you.
Mom, Dad, Lynnie, Grampa, Gramma, & Teresa

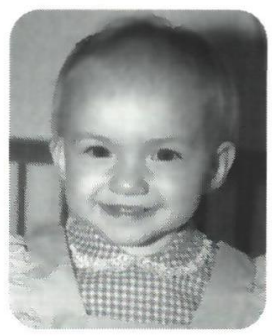
Amy,
We are very proud of who you have become. Dance until you catch up to your dreams.
We love you!
Mom, Dad, & Luke

Joshua Smith

Jennifer Frisbie

Jenn,
You've grown into a sophisticated young lady. But we'll always remember the chubby-legged free spirit with the upside-down binkie who loved to make people laugh. Never lose touch with that child inside.
Love,
Mom, Dad, & Angie

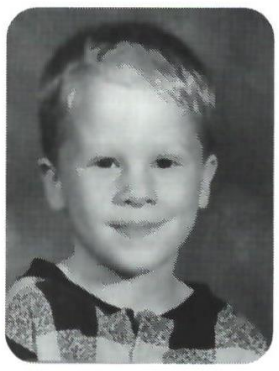
Amy Schmidt



Stephanie,
We are so proud of you and all of your hard work. You have been such a great sister to Kristy. We love your kind heart. You're wonderful.
Congratulations!
Love,
Mom, Dad, & Kristy

Stephanie Schmid

Matt Rasmussen



Congratulations Matt!
We are so proud of you!
You have grown up to be a fine young man, wonderful son, and big brother. Keep your dreams alive and your eyes on God. - Philippians 4:13
We love you,
Mom, Dad, Josh, Micah, & Hannah

Joanna (Joly),
We couldn't have been blessed more. You have brought great joy, happiness, and pride to our lives. We wish you all the wonderful things that life has to offer. May all your dreams and wishes come true.
We love you always,
Mom & Dad

Joanna Kay

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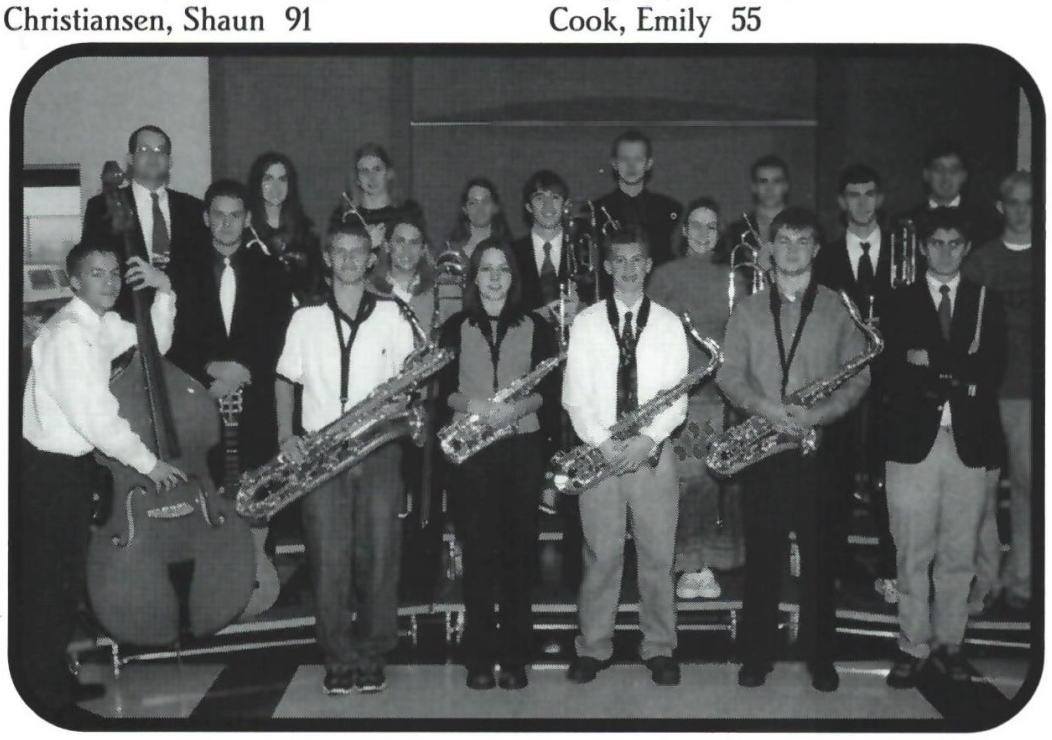

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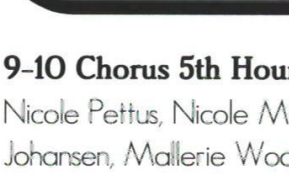

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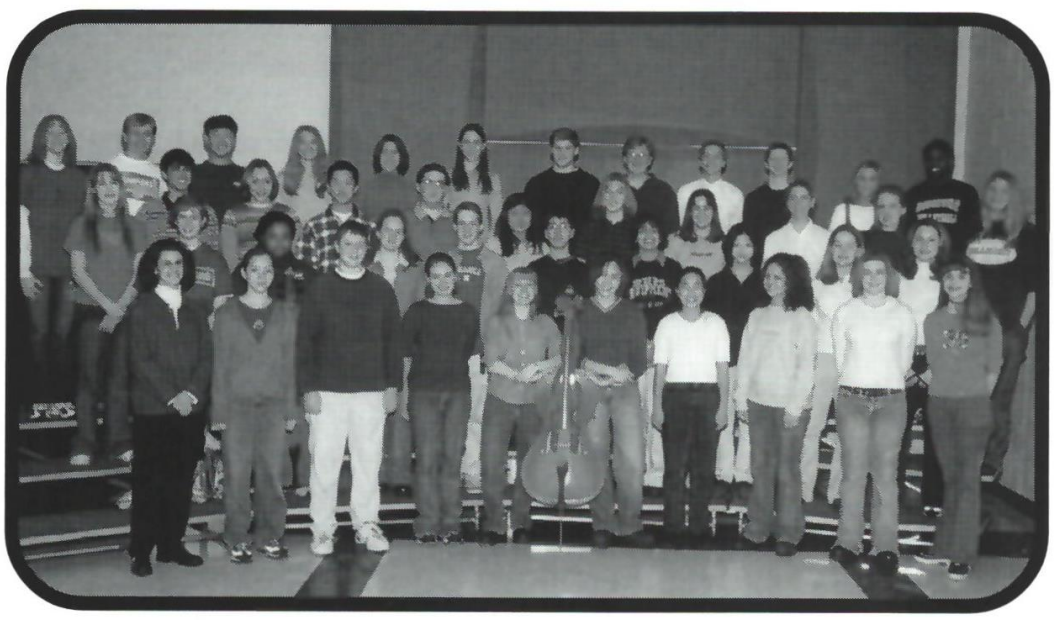

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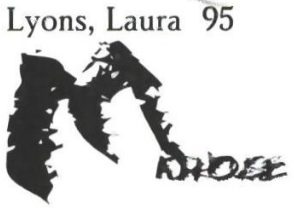

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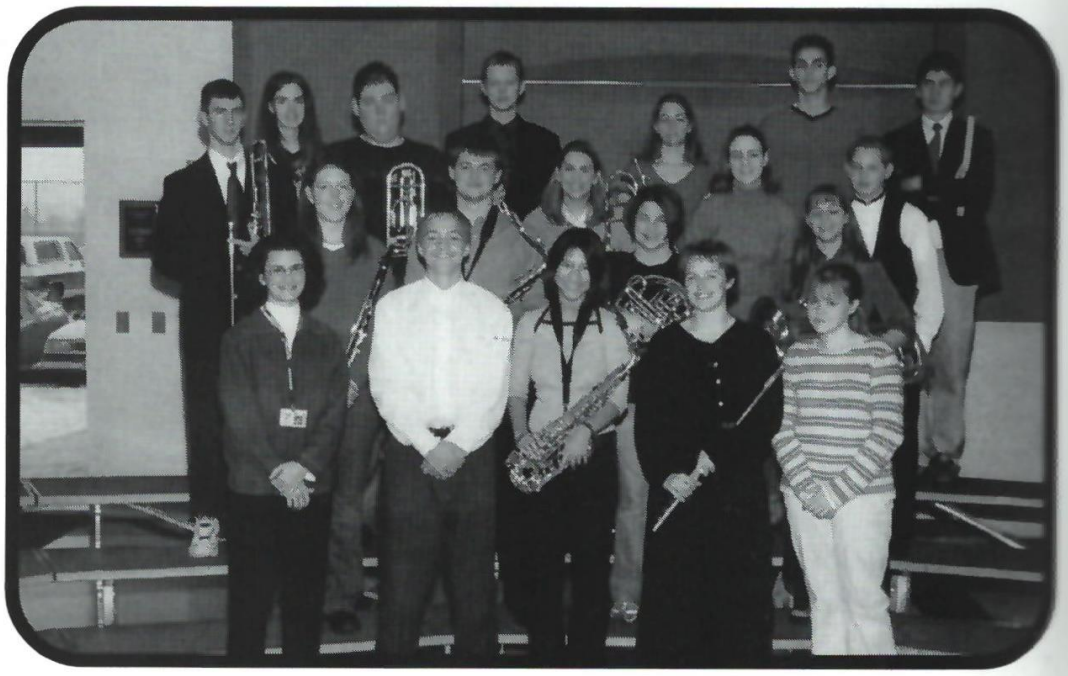

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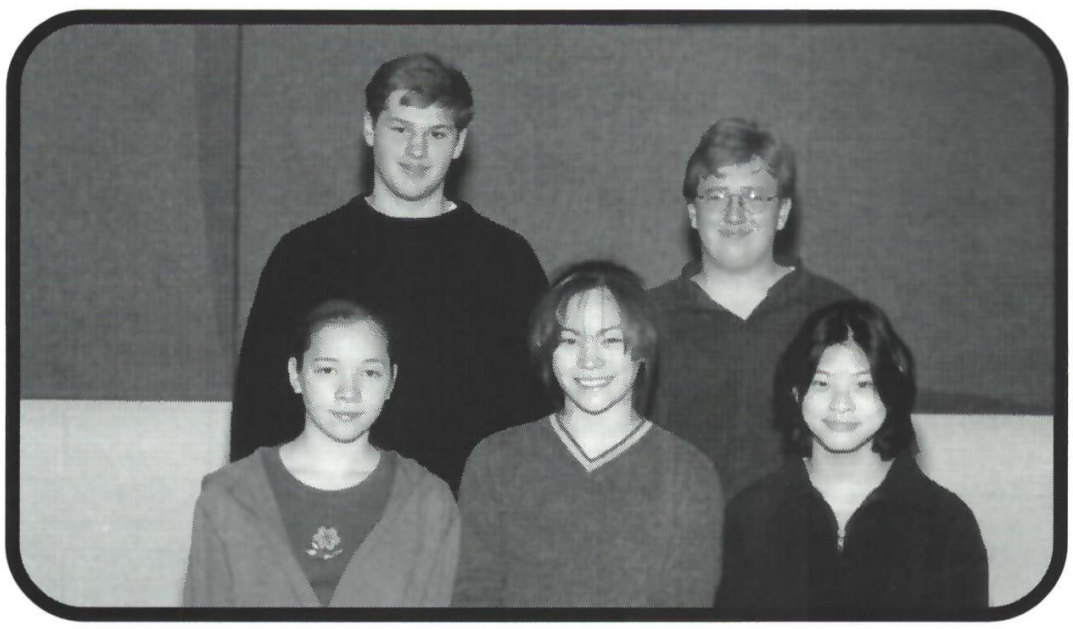

All-State Orchestra: front- Charlene Engle, Dannielle Engle, Emily Liu; **back**- Doug Johnson, Jordan Niebur PHOTO BY MARTIN PHOTOGRAPHY

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Linsey Armbrust

Yearbook Club Rocks!!! Oops I mean class. I have to say that the J-room has been a second home to me over the past three years and I am not ashamed of it either. You can make fun of us, but if we didn't spend so much time making your book then who would? If you don't like it, then I don't want to hear it! The past three years have been a great experience. I have finally found my calling. I guess I should really thank my other half , Megan. If it weren't for her I would have never been in yearbook, and this book wouldn't have gotten done.. Pie, I just want to say thank you for everything. You are going to make it big in the Graphic Design field. It has been a blast and I will always love you. Late nights in the J-room, the Scottsbluff Sugar Factory, dookies and the piano in K.C., and so many more memories together. Michael, I don't even know where to start. I don't know what yearbook would be like without you. It might actually be boring. I will always remember "P, wha'd ya do!?", the j-video, and taking apart the chair. Rohrig and Parkyns, K.C. was a blast. Only one dookie allowed each!!! Dame, I will never forget Greg and the Wal-Mart. Cindifuls..." N SYNC rocks!!! I will miss your lunches together and reading your emails from Jack. Joshy, you are so much fun I will miss you tons. Coops, Jen, Megz, Lauren, Aly, you all did wonderful for your first year. Just remember you will always look beautiful- so put the make up away! Photographers you all did a wonderful job with our crazy layouts. Thanks for putting up with us all year. To the rest of the staff, you all did a great job this year and I am very proud of you all. For all of you little yearbookers, good luck next year. I better come back and see a great book. Mrs. P, you have been a great teacher and given me so much confidence in myself since freshman year. If it weren't for you I would have never made it thorough a deadline. Good luck in the future to all of you graduating in 2001 and I hope every one likes the book. I hope to see you in the future.

Megan Claus

If you have something bad to say about this book, all negative comments can be directed towards Linsey, she's the patient one. Reality had come to being back in July when Linsey and I began thought process on this, our pride and joy. Late at night random ideas would come out of no where, and that is where most of this book came from. Someday, maybe ten, twenty years from now, you will all flip through here, seeking information about your 2000-2001 school year at Millard North. I do hope you find what you are looking for. This book is precious, take care of it. Store it, clean it, feed it, bathe it, hold it, display it, keep it close to you at all times; let no one with dirty hands handle it. It's yours! As to the staff and my best yearbook friend, Linsey. You're my girl!!! Thanks for all your support, without you, this book would be only half done. You have put up with a lot of craziness from me, you have always kept your cool. I love you! Hellman, you're one of the most amusing persons I have met, you've kept our spirits high when deadline weeks hit hard. Parkyns, Ashley, Dame, you all are awesome, your unique personalities inspired me. Cindifuls, you love 'N Sync, and you are a Britney wannabe. Dream big girl, you'll always be a Britney to me. Good luck with Jack. Sophomore girls: Jen, Aly, Lauren, Cooper, I know it took me at least a semester to remember your names, but you all have great talent and I wish you the best of luck next year, put the makeup away-you're all beautiful! Photographers: I know it was tough to adjust to the crazy layouts, but thanks for working with me. You all did great. Cheek, you make me smile. Mrs. P, you've been a teacher, mentor, and an inspiration to me since I was a freshman, you have a tremendous spirit, and it was always kept us going. I admire you. To all of the future, good luck, don't procrastinate.

To Andrea Elaine Claus and Steven Martin Hansen with love, I miss you.
Megan

Marching Band: front- Alicia Sandy, AshleyMcKinniss, Jenny Dembowski, Lindy Grady, Kristen Clark, Wendy Tobertson, Megan Blair, Adam Hughes, Audrey Tapprich, Laura Arndt, Susan Gebhardt, Ali Martinez, Janette Bossard, Alison Winkler, Amanda Peck; **second row-** Rachel Hill, Rebecca Whitmore, Jessica Benes, Kate Anderson, Karen Pille, Jessie Case, Tyler Cosgrove, Angela Sakaris, Jared Whitthaus, Rachel Dellovechio, Justin Peterson, Mackenzie Gast, Luke Hitner, Andrew Labens, Micheal Hill, Sean Severson, Cody Thomas, Ryan Lampert, Andy Culp, David Lin, Smita Anchan, Kelly Ulthoven, Martha Overmyer, Erin Puricello, Mr. Shepard, Mr. Patterson; **third row-** Mattie Clark, Amy Struebing, Bethany Meuleners, Tegan Mullins, Michelle Neal, Megan Glover, Ann Jizba, Kristen Brumm, Megan Courtney, Nicole Green, Frences Dueker, Michelle Derby, Katie Lasher, Amanda Johnson, Michelle Riege, Amanda Tift, Anna Nelson, Amanda Burdic, Glenn Kitchell, Alicia Thorson, Stefanie Adams, Angela Jenen, Josh Ulanday, Rebecca Phillips, Sarah Cates, Lindsay Jaquier, Molly Kolar; **fourth row-** Elizabeth Ory, Krystal Kennedy, Mark Antonson, Lauren Volentine, Josleyn Neibur, Camille Matney, Brooke Stevens, Ali Brugler, Michelle Murphy, Abbey Campbell, Melinda Reinholz, Andrew Smith, Brian Cory, Andrew Norris, Ben Ewolt, Julia Krogh, Robin Weinburg, Lisa Rademaker, John Vader, Sinem Gurkan, Melissa Covey, Courtney Filkins, Melissa Anerude, Jorden Hitner, Jenny Beer, Emily McIvor, Mark Hampton, Heather DeYoung, Amanda Hyde; **fifth row-** Sam Meister, Jon Kassworm, Bethany Peterson, Alicia Ehlers, Cassie Johnson, Jason Burk, Annie McKinnis, Dan Bartlet, Sam Decker, Zach Berns, Nick Jizba, Nicole Woodle, Kevin Stewart, Gina Uhrig, Ted Osingua, Joe Selzle, Will Anderson, Will Montgomry, Sam Vasta, Dan McAllister, Nick Rotschaffer, Adam Knudsen, Pete Hadspodka, Elliot Tapprich, Robert Fehr, Matt Ball, Damon Grimes, Jessica Marchand, Aaron Mood, Andrew Wismer; **sixth row-** Drew Christensen, Bryan Wilwerding, Calvin Smith, John Randall, Erika Hunter, Jeff Brockett, Chris Roberts, Nick Stone, Tony Muro, Chris Ferell, Hared Hays, Kristen Reitz, Kurt Kotschwar, Tiffany Vo, Matt Poppens, Amanda Doering, A'Laine Beckwith, Kara Wismer, Andrew Bradly, Allison Balcetis, Stephanie Osuniga, Jay Roberts, Chris Shi, Mark Cieaor, Azch Myer, Kelly Grant Leanna, Tim Bess; **back-** Justin Green, Mike McBride, Melissa Marr, Preston Mesick, Ashley Nelson, Sara Peterson, Kristen Peterson, Brad Schwein, Weston Vanerkolk, Erik Jensen, Tyler Barna, Pat Campbell, Elliot Erikson, Justin Kuehn, Adam Sinley, Alex Toews, Courtney Andersen, Ryan Duell, Brian Uhrig, James Wingert, Chris Miske, Sarah Lorimor, Mike Cavanaugh, Allan Provorse, Joe Reiter PHOTO BY COURTESY OF MATT SHEPOARD

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Juniors Ashley Rohrig and Cindy Gottschalck work together on parent ads. It took a lot of responsibility to keep track of each individual ad with the message and picture.
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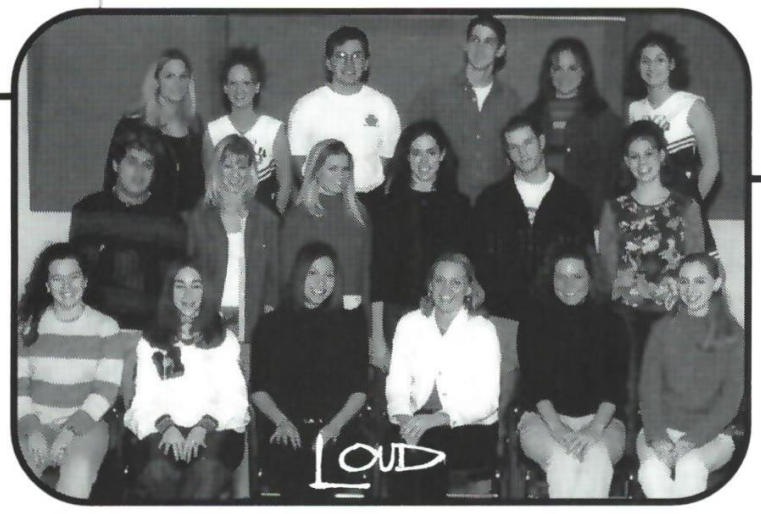

Yearbook: front-Lauren Banghart, Jennifer Cooper, Megan Claus, Linsey Armbrust, Lindsey Parkyns, Megan Brozanic; **second row**- Josh Cheek, Megan Bolmeier, Jen Neuberger, Sarah Johnson, Nate Marquis, Aly Carstens; **back**- Ashley Rosenboom, Lindsey Dame, Dan Johnson, Mike Hellman, Ashley Rohrig, Cindy Gottchalck; **not pictured**- Candice Kellogg, Katie Lenie, Erik Pulverenti PHOTO BY BILLINGS PHOTOGRAPHY

Mrs. Pedersen, sophomores Katie Lenie, Aly Carstens, and Lauren Banghardt edit proofs from the fifth deadline. Proofs generally arrived 2-3 weeks after the shipment was sent; once the proofs were edited, they were sent back for the final print.
PHOTO BY MEGAN CLAUS

Seniors Megan Claus, Josh Cheek, Lindsey Parkyns, and Linsey Armbrust stop for a break in the computer lab in the J-room. The lab was shared by the both the journalism and art departments.
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Seniors Sarah Johnson and Megan Brozanic edit a business ad during the sixth deadline. The yearbook was completed after this deadline in early March, work was then started on the Supplement.
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The theme **LOUD** was chosen at Millard North during a brainstorming session by chiefs Megan Claus and Linsey Armbrust. It was developed due to the unique styles in the school and the renowned academic achievement. It was also used literally with all the noises and sounds that could be heard throughout the school with the finishing of renovations that had begun in 1997.

To display the theme on the cover AWPC Snowwrite Bold was used in Silver Hot Foil 2000 and a swirl was placed behind it in Kelly Green Hot Foil 505. AWPC Dean Bold in Kelly Green Hot Foil 505 was used on the spine and the cover. The text on the title page is in AWPC Alice Bold in sizes of 36 pt, 72 pt, and 22 pt. The caption is in 12 pt AWPC Times. The opening spreads included headlines of 75 pt AWPC Snowwrite Bold and AWPC Alice Bold in sizes of 50 pt, 48 pt, and 24 pt, and copy was in 19 pt AWPC Alice, and captions in 16 pt AWPC Alice Bold and 12 pt AWPC Times. The main dividers have headlines of 110 pt AWPC Dean Bold, 18 pt AWPC Snowwrite Bold, and 30 pt AWPC Little Squirt Bold (reversed) in a black box with rounded corners, copy in 20 pt AWPC Little Squirt Bold, captions are in 16 pt AWPC Alice and 12 pt AWPC Times, bylines of 12 pt AWPC Dean Bold, 16 pt AWPC Dean Bold (reversed) over a 85% black block with rounded corners and a 25% black line connecting the swirl. The class dividers include headlines of 60 pt AWPC Dean Bold and 36 pt AWPC Dean over 30% 100 pt AWPC Dean Bold, 225 pt AWPC Cheerstype Bold drop cap, copy in 16 pt AWPC Little Squirt, captions in 12 and 14 pt AWPC Dean and Dean Bold, bylines of 12 pt Dean Bold, 16 pt AWPC Dean Bold (reversed) over a 85% black block with rounded corners and a 25% black line connecting the swirl.

The Student Life section contains headlines of 50% 30 pt AWPC Dean Bold Oblique and 100 pt AWPC Dean Bold, copy in 15 pt AWPC Alice, captions are in 11 pt AWPC Times with a 20 pt AWPC Times Bold drop cap, "Hear This" is in 18 pt Dispatch, 12 pt Alice Bold 50% and 12 pt Alice, the "reality" is in 48 pt AWPC Kent Bold and 50% 48 pt AWPC Kent Bold, the caption are in the reality is 12 pt AWPC Alice, the "Listen Top 10" is 50% 60 pt AWPC Dean Bold with half of it in a black box with rounded corners (reversed), 30 pt AWPC High Emotions (reversed) in a black box with rounded corners, 18 pt AWPC Dean Bold and 12 pt AWPC Dean, the top ten numbers are in 24 pt AWPC High Emotion, and text is in 10 pt AWPC Alice. The other Student Life page has the headline in 120 pt, 72 pt AWPC Alice Bold and 14 pt AWPC Little Squirt, captions are in 10 pt AWPC Times with a 20 pt drop cap, and 46.5 pt drop cap AWPC Alice with 10 pt text, 9 pt AWPC CheersType, and the "Lyric Brief" is in 12 pt and 18 pt AWPC Alice Bold (reversed) on a black box and text in 12 pt AWPC Little Squirt. The "Trend Watch" is 40 pt AWPC Alice Bold and 24 pt AWPC CheersType Bold with text in 13 pt AWPC CheersType, the question box is 16 pt AWPC Times (reversed), names are in 12 pt and 14 pt AWPC Times, and quotes are in 12 pt AWPC Alice.

The mini magazine pages "Hear This" is in 18 pt Dispatch, 12 pt Alice Bold 50% and 12 pt Alice, headlines are "reality" in 48 pt AWPC Kent Bold and 50% 48 pt AWPC Kent Bold and 100 pt AWPC Dean Bold, captions are in 10 pt AWPC Dean Bold and 14 pt AWPC CheersType. The "Quote Brief" is in 12 pt and 18 pt AWPC Alice Bold (reversed) on a black box and text is in 12 pt AWPC Little Squirt. The "student polls" is in 20 pt AWPC Dean Bold and the other one is 12 pt AWPC Dean Bold (reversed) in a black box with rounded corners, and the outcomes are in 18 pt AWPC Alice Bold, 14 pt AWPC CheersType Bold, 14 pt AWPC High Emotion, and 8 pt AWPC Alice.

In the senior section the headlines are 12 pt, 26 pt, 40 pt AWPC Maximo and the page quote is 16 pt AWPC Maximo and 14 pt AWPC Maximo Bold. The copy is 10 pt AWPC Little Squirt, the captions are in 8 pt AWPC Dean, with names in 10 pt AWPC Maximo. The "well rounded" section is in 26 pt and 40 pt AWPC Maximo, 10 pt and 12 pt AWPC Mixage Bold, 10 pt, 12 pt, 13 pt AWPC Little Squirt Bold, 14 pt AWPC Little Squirt. The "its been fun" is in 40 pt AWPC Maximo. Bylines are in 12 pt AWPC Maximo and 8 pt AWPC Mixage. In the junior, sophomore, freshman, and staff sections, the fonts are 26 pt and 40 pt AWPC Maximo, 8 pt and 12 pt AWPC Mixage, 10 pt Little Squirt, 8 pt AWPC Dean and AWPC Dean Bold, 14 pt AWPC Maximo Bold (reversed) over a 30% black box with rounded corners. All names are in 8 pt AWPC Maximo.

The sports section includes the fonts of 50 pt AWPC High Emotions and 75 pt AWPC Maximo Bold in the headline, 17 pt and 30 pt AWPC Maximo and AWPC Maximo Bold in the copy, 10 pt AWPC Bracken Bold and AWPC Maximo in the team pictures, and 10 pt AWPC Maximo in the captions. "In depth" is in 70% 80 pt AWPC High Emotions, and 70% 30 pt AWPC Maximo Bold, 40% 36 pt AWPC Little Squirt, and 70% 30 pt AWPC Maximo Bold. The scores are in 20 pt AWPC Maximo and reversed over a black box, 11 pt AWPC Bracken Bold, with 11 pt AWPC Maximo.

Academics has the fonts of 24 pt AWPC Clarence Bold reversed on a black box with rounded corners and 50% 60 pt AWPC Earthquake, 12 pt AWPC Mixage in the copy, caption in 12 pt AWPC Earthquake Bold and 11 pt Mixage, "Tool box" is in 50 pt AWPC Clarence, 16 pt AWPC CheersType Bold over a 15% black box with rounded corners, 12 pt, 16 pt, 50 pt, 30 pt AWPC Clarence, 50% 40 pt AWPC Clarence. "Tip- advice from" is in 10 pt and 24 pt AWPC Earthquake and 14 pt AWPC Clarence.

The colophon copy is in 8 pt AWPC Dean and the deadline is in 18 pt AWPC Cheerstype Bold with staff names in 9 pt AWPC Maximo. The captions are in 8 pt AWPC Dean and 10 pt AWPC Dean Bold.

The Parent Ad section used the fonts of 16 pt AWPC Snoozed and 10 pt AWPC Maximo Bold. All sections used the 12 pt and 16 pt AWPC Dean Bold, folio names reversed over an 85% black box with rounded corners and a 25% black line connecting to the swirl.

The Stampede staff would like to thank Billings Photography for its group photos, and Martin Photography for its class and team photos. We would also like to thank the students and staff members who agreed to be interviewed, participated in surveys, and brought in personal photos. To our Walsworth representative, Mike Diffenderfer, the Computer Support Staff, and Holly Switzer the Stampede would like to extend its gratitude for his assistance through the year. Most of all, the Stampede staff would like thank advisor Sheila Pedersen, "P", for her guidance, patience, and support in helping to create and complete this book. Without her, none of this would have been possible.

At 3:05, a complete school day had expired. The day had only begun for the once tired, now energetic students when a sudden rush of being out of class for the day fulfilled the bodies of young spirited minds.

While some scrambled to their cars at the end of the parking lot, others rushed to their gym lockers to suit up for practice. There was no time to waste if one wanted to make it to the NHS meeting at 3:15. Janitors took a sigh of relief as they gained control of empty halls once inhabited by over 2100 attendees.

To sit in an empty room was quiet indeed, however echoes of ongoing activities could be tracked by a less than sharp ear. Suddenly the stirs of the air vents were noticed although they had been running all day. Distant voices of the cheerleaders practicing in the commons area, squeaks from basketball shoes on the new court, and even traffic on 144th and Pacific Streets could be heard. Silence could not be accomplished. Much of this noise interference was only a fraction of what could be added to the day's loudness.

The year came to a close, but the commotion lived on. Grads of 2001 embarked on a new journey through life as they prepared for post high school years. Summer camps, vacations, and jobs added to the learning experience and connected the power of an end on to a new beginning.

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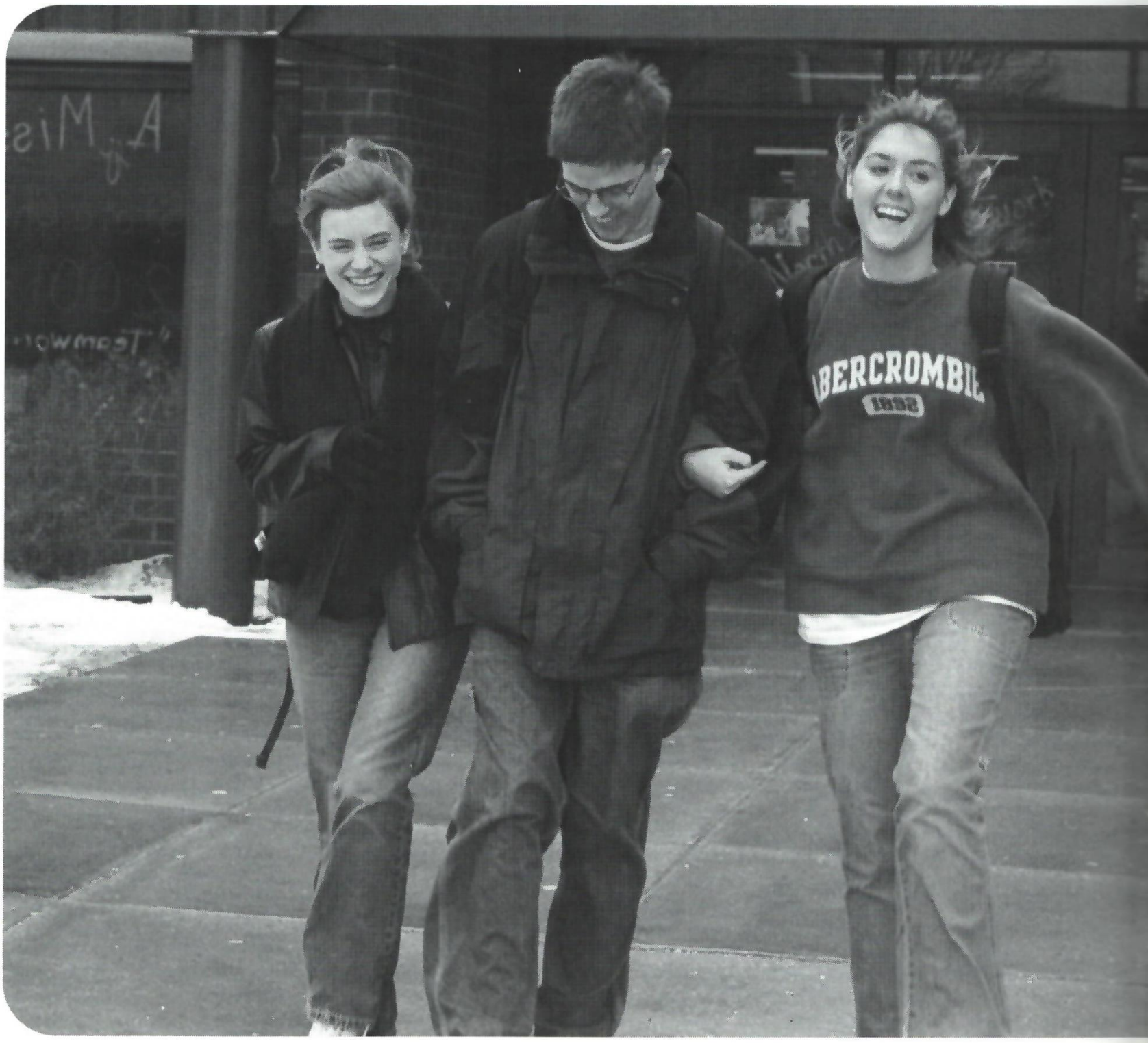

Seniors
Tara Dinslage, Brandon Gleed, and Katie Parys depart from school. They had fourth hour open during second semester.
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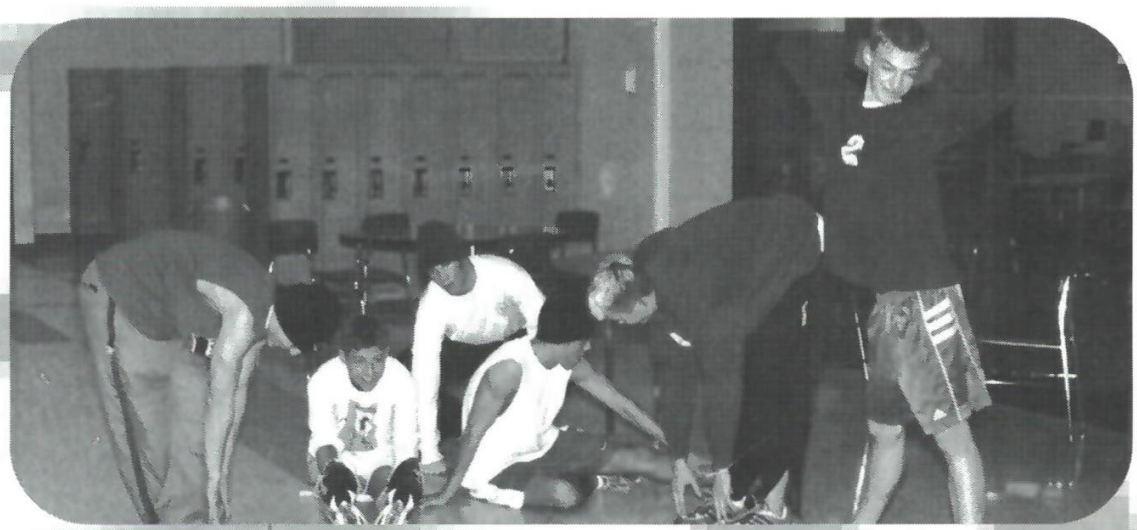

Juniors
McClain Southwell, Kenton Hicks, Nate Marquiss, Justin Parker, Ryan Zehnacker, and Adam Banister stretch in front of the counseling center. In the weeks prior to soccer tryouts, the prospected players conditioned together.
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Custodian
Jim Maddock cleans the floor in the cafeteria after school has been dismissed. Cleaning occured all day long, but this was part of the final stages in closing up the school.
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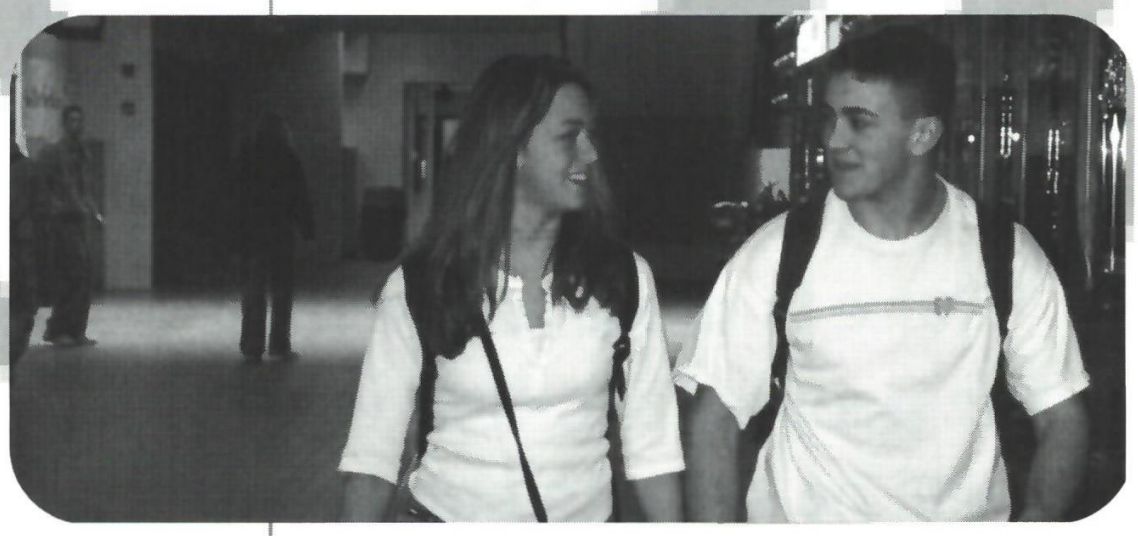

Soon
to exit the school are sophomores Brooke Kleckner and John McCardle. Sophomores had full schedules while juniors were able to hold a six class schedule.
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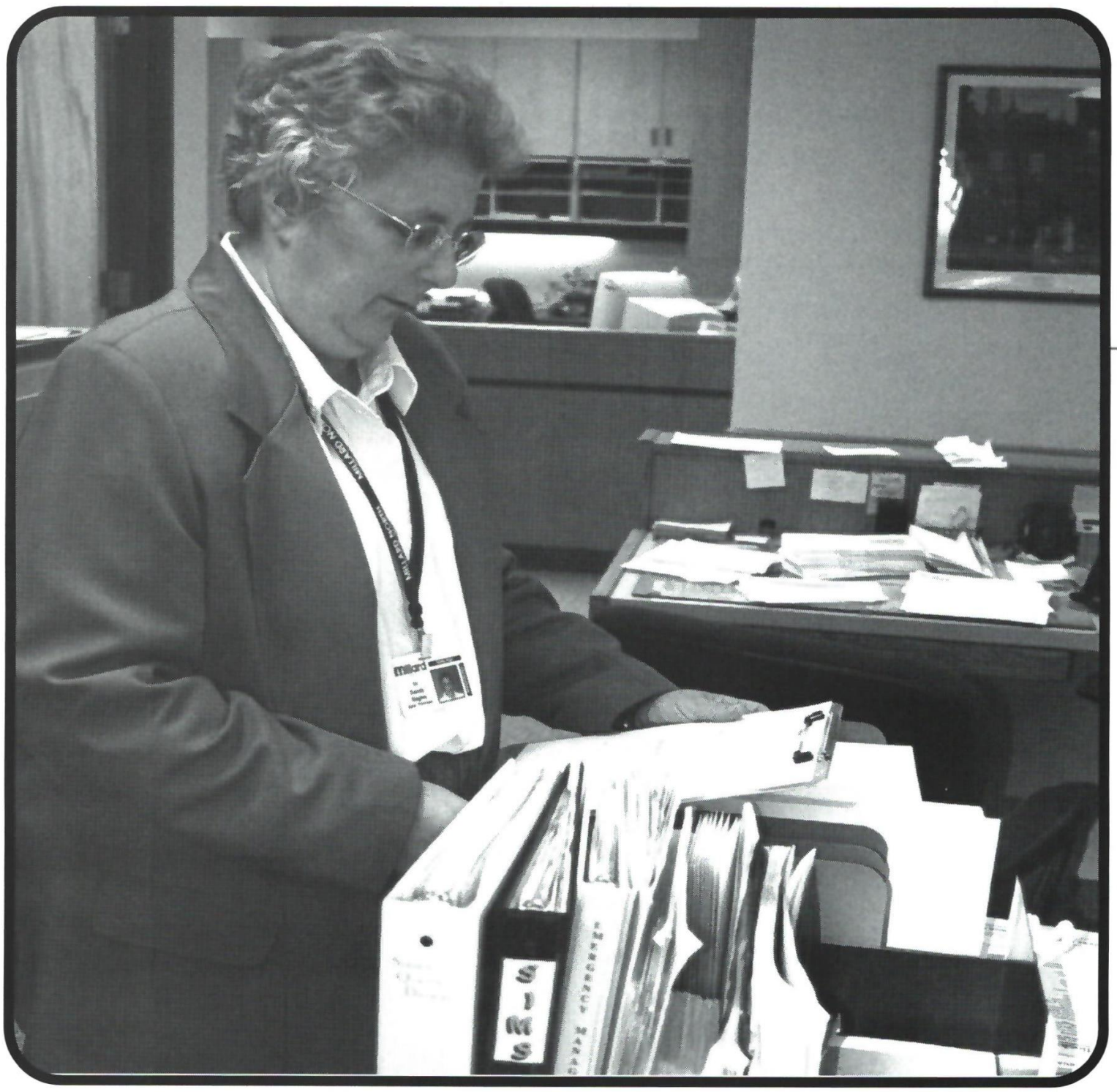

Vice principal Sandra Bagley rounds up her work for the day. Bagley has been in the administration since MN's beginning. She announced her retirement in the spring of 2000 and left the school at the close of the 2001 year with an icon status and a **loud** history that touched the lives of students, staff, parents, and community.

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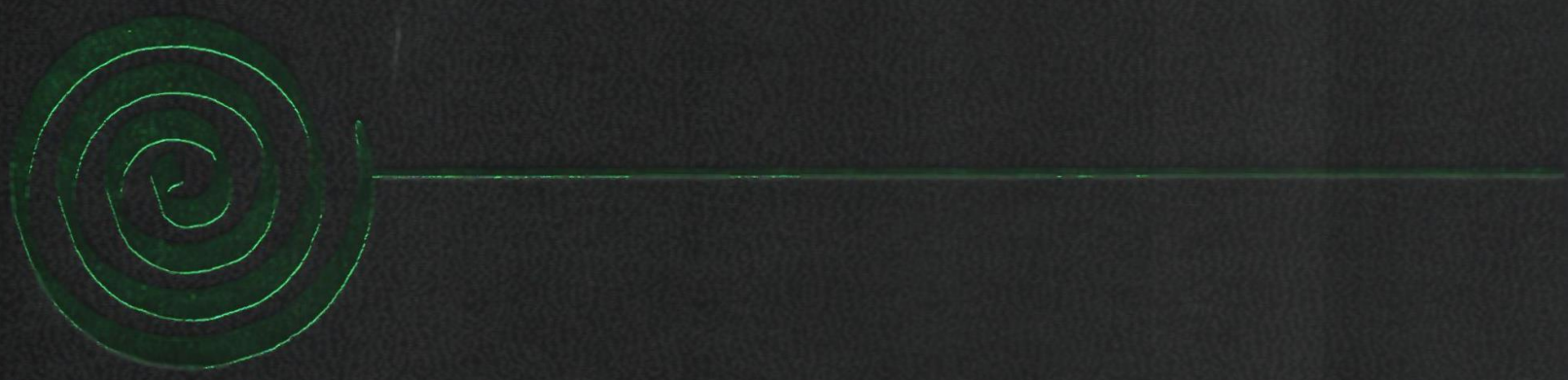
"There is more to life than work. I love the people I worked with and the kids. I will be back to sub in the future."

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